

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS COORDINATING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 15, 2014

The Children's Rights Coordinating Commission met at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 15th day of September, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were duly posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Joey Armstrong, Allyson Felt, Jolene Ring, Chair, Heidi Smith, Robin Stafford, and Jon Williford

ABSENT: Commissioners Georgia Berry, Julie Morris and Pat Valley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney  
Lt. Stacey Clement, Norman Police Department  
Officer Ali Jaffery, Norman Police Department  
Denise Johnson, Legal Admin Tech

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2013 MEETING, THE MARCH 17, 2014 MEETING AND THE JUNE 16, 2014 MINUTES

Commissioner Smith moved that the Minutes of the December 16, 2013, March 17, 2014 and June 16, 2014 Minutes of the Children's Rights Coordinating Commission be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Felt. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously; and the Minutes of the December 16, 2013, March 17, 2014 and June 16, 2014 meetings of the Children's Rights Coordinating Commission were approved.

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Item 3 being:

RECOGNITION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS RING AND VALLEY AND INTRODUCTION OF APPOINTEE, COMMISSIONER WILLIFORD

Reappointed Commissioners Ring and Valley were recognized as well as new Commissioner Williford being welcomed to the Commission.

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Item 4 being:

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Commissioner Smith volunteered to act as chair of the Commission for the 2015 term. (Note: Commissioner Smith's term expired and she agreed to serve another three-year term; *see* Miscellaneous Discussion below) Commissioner Felt moved that Commissioner Smith be voted the chair of the Commission for the upcoming 2015 term. The motion was approved unanimously. Thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Smith that Commissioner Felt be voted as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Item 5 being:

**DISCUSSION 2014-2015 NORMAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

Jeanne Snider discussed the 2014-2015 Youth Council Program events to be held through May 2015. Fifteen high school applicants are accepted into the program. In addition to learning about City government, the Council will also receive life coaching.

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Item 6 being:

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Commissioners Armstrong and Smith were advised their terms had expired and they each agreed to serve another term on the Commission. The City Clerk is to be advised so that City Council can be advised and consider approval of the reappointments.

Discussion was had regarding the Children's Garden held annually in April which is a community education event held at Andrews Park. Commissioner Smith outlined the children's activities sponsored by various children's agencies and community businesses including youth-based entertainment. This event is usually held in conjunction with the 89er Day Parade. City Staff was tasked with checking to see when the 2015 89er Day Parade is scheduled.

City Staff advised that Commissioner Berry had missed three consecutive meetings, which is basis for removal from the Commission. Commissioner Ring advised that Commissioner Berry cannot be contacted, and the City Clerk should be advised to remove her from the Commission Roster and to accept applications for a new Commissioner.

City Staff also advised that Commissioner Morris' term expired. Staff was directed to contact Commissioner Morris regarding her term expiration and whether she would be interested being reappointed for another term.

Other areas of interest regarding children were offered by various Commissioners including having representatives speak regarding: handicap accessibility in the City Parks; lack of and sharing of textbooks in schools; mentoring; anti-bullying; and exploitation of children.

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Item 7 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded that the September 15, 2014 meeting of the Children's Rights Coordinating Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.