

Youth Commission Receives Encouragement On Requests

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The county youth commission got some encouragement, but not outright support, for its first official series of resolutions presented to its parent board of supervisors Tuesday.

Supervisors also listened to the commission chairman's pleas for more guidance and more staff help.

The four resolutions were referred to several different county agencies for comments, and supervisors promised to consider them again later on.

The four resolutions, passed by the commission over several months but held until now, ask for the following action:

- Abolishment of all student dress codes.
- Creation of a human relations commission to deal with minority problems.
- Establishment of hitch-hiking stations for youngsters, marked by large thumb signs.
- Repeal or alteration of the county curfew law.

Several commissioners showed up to defend the resolutions, including Chairman Scott Smith

and Commissioners Nicholas Hanks and Janice Stewart.

When supervisors pointed out they have no jurisdiction over the dress codes, which are up to individual school districts, Hanks said all the commission wants is the support of the county.

Supervisors said they will send the resolution to County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Fickel for his comments.

The resolutions on hitch-hiking and curfew were referred to the sheriff's office and the public works department.

The human relations commission suggestion was sent to the Community Action Board director.

The commissioners were questioned closely by supervisors. Supervisor Dan Forbus said the dress code resolution was brought to the wrong place. Supervisor George Cress commented, however, that "no directions were given to this commission as to the course they should follow."

Smith agreed the commission does need help. "We were given

everything and nothing. We were not told how to do these things." He asked for more staff direction. Supervisors' Chairman Henry Mello replied in surprise that "there was too much of old people telling young people how to do things. We wanted you to tell us."

Despite some of the rough edges on the resolutions, Aptos Supervisor Ralph Sanson assured youth commissioners that "your views and suggestions will be equal weight with those of other departments" when the resolutions are returned for action.

Live Oak Summer Program

A summer school program for 1969 was authorized Tuesday night by trustees of the Live Oak Elementary School District.

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