

Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
April 14, 2010; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT;  
7:00PM

Youth Services Commission Chairperson Mike D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: CJ Cofrancesco, Mary Cofrancesco, Mike D'Amato, Robert Fucci, Emily Kuzma, Chuck Licata, Mary Varunes

Commissioners Absent: Al Camera, Cindy Recinos

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the March 10, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Mike D'Amato if there were any changes to the March 10, 2010 Youth Service Commission minutes. Commissioner Varunes made a motion to accept the March 10, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Fucci.

Agenda Item- Teen Center Update

Commissioner Licata thanked everyone for their efforts in the successful Grand Opening of the new Teen Center. Some items that belong to the Teen Center program are still at the old high school. Mr. Petrucelli mentioned that he has spoken to the painter who has ordered and received the new chalkboard paint for the center. He will be applying this paint onto the designated art space as soon as his schedule permits. Several Commissioners have mentioned that they would like to have Public Works bring over some counter tops and some storage cabinets for the new center. Mr. Petrucelli will be sending out a thank you letter to all involved with the Teen Center move to be published in the Courier.

Commissioner Licata mentioned an idea for partitioning space for the dance area. Dark fabric for curtains, chains, PVC pipe will be needed.

Commissioner D'Amato mentioned that the sign machine in town was not working and that we will have to think of another idea for making a sign for the new center.

#### Agenda Item- Underage Drinking Prevention Program Update

The Connection, Inc. and the Youth Services Commission will be meeting on April 15, 2010 to discuss the needs assessment and to review student surveys. Mr. Petrucelli spoke about scheduling the underage drinking prevention meetings. All Commissioners would like to have these meetings at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and then continue on with the regular scheduled Commission meeting at 7:00.

#### Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

None.

#### Agenda Item-Other

Commissioner Mary Varunes is looking for volunteers for the Children's Fair which will be held on Saturday April 24, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Overbrook Early Learning Center 60 Gerrish Avenue, East Haven. This event is for children ages birth to eight. Come join in the fun for the children. Music, activities for young children and the WTNH weather van will be on site. The complete schedule can be found at [www.easthavenkids.org](http://www.easthavenkids.org)

Discussion of the possible rental of the new Teen Center for birthday parties, which could generate monies for the Town and Center, was mentioned. The town currently rents out the Town Pool and the Town Ice Rink for such events. Many people have already inquired about the use of the center to host children birthday parties.

Mr. Petrucelli mentioned that the town's summer camp program will be coming over to the teen center this summer which will give children the opportunity to use all the equipment and space.

Mr. Petrucelli stated that the leadership program has been working on decorating a New Haven Register box as part of this year's program. There is a contest that is going on in through out the greater New Haven area.

The Teen Center will be hosting a bowling event at Circle Lanes over the April school vacation week. Children from the Academy and the Middle School will be attending. The bowling alley will be charging \$ 6.00 for unlimited bowling for two hours. Food and refreshments will be available at the Teen Center.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. was made by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Commissioner Fucci. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly Smith*

Recording Secretary