

Town of East Haven, CT
Youth Services Commission Minutes
April 4, 2011; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT;
7:00PM

Youth Services Commissioner Co-Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Mary Cofrancesco, Rob Fucci, Emily Kuzma, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes.

Commissioners Absent: Mike D'Amato, Chuck Licata

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the March 9, 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Camera asked if there were any changes to the March 9, 2011 Youth Service Commission minutes. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco made a **Motion** to accept March 9, 2011 minutes as read. Second by Commissioner Cindy Recinos.

Agenda Item- Local Prevention Council Grant

Mr. Petrucelli has remained in contact with East Haven High School post prom chair Kim Lendroth regarding this year's event. Local Prevention Council funds will be used for activities and supplies at this event.

Mr. Petrucelli updated the commission on the Take Back Pharmacy Program and what would be needed for this event. Permits are still in the review process. This event would still be held at one of the town fire stations. There would need to be a pharmacy representative present as well as a police officer while collecting any unused/expired medications. Mr. Petrucelli

would notify the Mayor's office as well as the Town Council if needed. Commissioner Varunes asked how we would advertise this event.

Mr. Petrucelli would advertise through are local pharmacies in town, doctors offices, the Town's website and the Courier. A flyer would be posted in each pharmacy in town. Mr. Petrucelli will coordinate with Commissioner Licata to schedule a date and time for this event.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli thanked all the commissioners and chaperones for all their help with the 6th graders teen center open house event. This event was a great success. Mr. Petrucelli has received many calls from parents wanting to know when the next event for the 6th graders would take place. Two more events for the 6th graders, May 6th and a year end picnic on June 3rd 2011 will be held. Discussion about holding these events from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 was heard. Mr. Petrucelli would also like to have students be able to use the Teen Center over their April vacation week of April 18-21, 2011. Commissioner Recinos is coordinating with EHHS student Rebecca Womble on recruiting some students to work on art projects during the upcoming vacation week.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioner Recinos spoke about hosting a Film Festival with Mr. Miles from the East Haven High School. Mr. Miles would like to host this event on June 10th 2011, at the Teen Center. The Film Festival would be short films that students have worked on this year. Mr. Miles would like to open this event up to both students and parents. Mr. Petrucelli asked Commissioner Recinos for a wish list from both students and Mr. Miles. What would Mr. Miles need for this event? Would we need a large screen to view films? Would we need a projector? Mr. Petrucelli and the commission thought it would be nice to have popcorn and refreshments for this event. Commissioner Recinos will get back to Mr. Petrucelli after speaking with Mr. Miles.

Commissioner Kuzma stated the Spring Fling Event to be held at the High School was cancelled due to lack of interest from students. Commissioners CJ Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma, and Cindy Recinos would still like to have a mixer held at the Teen Center in the fall of this year.

Agenda Item-To consider and act upon any matter brought before the Commission-

Mr. Petrucelli asked the commission to consider changing the date of the May Commission Meeting. Commissioner Fucci and Mr. Petrucelli will be receiving awards from the East Haven Chamber of Commerce on May 11, 2011 at the Country House from 6-7:30 p.m. Tickets would need to be purchased for this event. Mr. Petrucelli also mentioned that the AT&T grant money was available and ready to be used for the Teen Center. Several ideas are being discussed at this time. A possible summer or Art program, enrichment program and Paint a square project are just a few ideas for this grant. The Commission will review this again on May 9th 2011 agenda. Mr. Camera would like to have an e-mail go out to remind all commissioners to think about ideas for the AT&T grant money expenditures.

A **Motion** to cancel May 11th 2011 commission meeting and reschedule for May 6th was made by Al Camera seconded by Mary Varunes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Petrucelli and other commissioner's recognized and congratulated Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco as "Person of the Week". Commissioner Camera spoke briefly about the new Committee for the Old High School and what they would like to see happen with some of that space. A true community space was mentioned, finding a permanent home for the Arts/ Teen Center. Commissioner Camera would like to have Chairperson Mike D'Amato make contact with a follow up letter from the commission to the old High School Committee.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Mary Varunes. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith

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Recording Secretary