

Town of East Haven, CT
Youth Services Commission Minutes
March 10, 2010
Teen Center; 78 Frontage Road; 7:00P.M.

In the absence of the chair and vice chair due to illness Commissioner Licata called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: CJ Cofrancesco, Mary Cofrancesco, Robert Fucci, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes

Commissioners Absent: Al Camera, Mike D'Amato, Emily Kuzma

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the January 20, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Licata asked if there were any changes or additions to the January 20, 2010 minutes. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco made a Motion to accept January 20, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Rob Fucci. MOTION passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Underage Drinking Prevention Program Update

The first meeting of this project was held in February. The group, which includes the Youth Service Commissioners and other interested teens and adults, is in the data collection stage of the project. Initial data being collected includes the number of liquor stores and restaurants in East Haven that sell or serve alcohol. This data will then be mapped. Other information being collected include the effects of alcohol use on babies, police and school data on alcohol related incidents and a brief survey created by this group to be completed by teens. This group will continue to meet on a regular basis. A report on the data collected is due to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services by March 31, 2010.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report-

Commissioners Recinos and Fucci expressed their concerns on the use of tobacco on school grounds. They have expressed that they have seen more and more students lighting up cigarettes on school property. The Commissioners agreed that a town wide program or programs relating to prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs would be worthwhile. The Local Prevention Council grant funds, once received, can be used for these efforts. More discussion will take place at the April meeting.

Agenda Item- Teen Center Update-

Mr. Petrucelli handed out a sample floor plan for review and suggestions on the new space. March 12, 2010 will be the last teen center event at the old site. The first event in the new space is scheduled for March 26, 2010. Commissioner Recinos would like to see the outside area include benches, flowers and a patio set. A sign or signs out front would be nice. The Commissioners walked the floor of the new space designating areas for sports, dance, table games, video games and food. Donations continue to be received. The new Teen Center could not open without these generous donations of goods and services. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for March 25, 2010.

Agenda Item-Other

Mr. Petrucelli will be posting some suggestions on the Town's website for what the teen center is still in need of. Included are area rugs, end tables, floor or table top lamps and plants. We are also looking for people to lay a dance floor at the new facility; we have all the supplies that are needed for this project.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Cindy Recinos Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith

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Recording Secretary

