

Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
October 13, 2010; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT;  
7:00PM

Youth Services Commissioner Mike D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Licata

Non-Commissioners present: Danielle Germe, Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith

Agenda Item- To Consider and Approve the September 1, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner D'Amato asked if there were any changes to the September 1, 2010 Youth Service Commission minutes. Commissioner Al Camera made a **Motion** to accept September 1, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Mary Varunes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item- Teen Center Program

Mr. Petrucelli distributed a copy of the thank you letter Mr. Bouve' sent to the Courier thanking all that participated, donated their time and made financial donations to the Teen Center Concert on the Green. The monies from this event will be turned over to the Teen Center to help purchase used equipment such as a music board, amplifiers, speakers and lights with the goal of having teen bands able to perform at the Teen Center. Mr. Bouve' is planning another fundraising music event soon to be held at EHHS. Mr. Bouve' has lumber donated to have a portable stage built. Mr. Petrucelli and Commissioner D'Amato thanked Officer Danielle Germe and her fellow colleges for donating their time to support this event. Commissioner Camera suggested a thank you letter to Mr. Bouve' from the Youth Service

Commissioner once monies were received. Commissioner Mary Cofrancesco raised questions concerning the Teen Center Concert Committee. Areas that need to be clarified include the set up of this committee, who is on this committee and should Mr. Bouve' be excepting donations in the Teen Center's name. All donations should not only go to the Teen Center Concert Committee but eventually to the Teen Center as a whole. All Commissioners would like to speak with Mr. Bouve' and discuss having a committee or sub committee set up with their approval before accepting any more donations at this time. Mr. Petrucelli as been in touch with Finance Director Thomas Thompson regarding a new line item for the Teen Center. This line item has been approved and will be set up for all fundraisers and monies donated. This is a Special Revenue Fund. This line item will be used for expenditures to purchase new equipment for the Teen Center.

Mr. Petrucelli distributed a copy of what the new sign for outside the Teen Center would look like. The sign has been designed and will be printed by Big Prints located in the East Haven Industrial Park. Discussion regarding the schedule of teen center events with a conflict around the Academy Halloween Dance scheduled for October 29, 2010. Discussion concerning changing the schedule to accommodate all students. The revised schedule will include November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Petrucelli and Town Canine Control Officer Owen Little would like to host a joint fundraiser at Circle Lanes in East Haven with all donations being split between the Teen Center and Animal Shelter. Discussions concerning having the 6th graders along with the 7th and 8th graders participate. The idea of holding an introduction to the teen center for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the same night as the bowling fundraiser was discussed. Also discussion on having the High school students take part in this event after the middle school students was discussed. A **Motion** to enter into a joint fundraiser was made by Commissioner D'Amato and seconded by CJ Cofrancesco. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Petrucelli shared with the commissioners an opportunity from the AT&T Foundation regarding the possibility of receiving \$10,000.00 to expand our programs at the Teen Center. Some suggestions were a summer program and after school programs. A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Camera and seconded by Mary Varunes to pursue this funding opportunity with AT&T. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Petrucelli will follow up with AT&T.

Commissioner Camera mentioned that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at JMMS are very excited about the teen center; want to know more about it, and how they could attend an event at the teen center.

Agenda Item- Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioner Rob Fucci has finished Face book page for the Teen Center. He would like to have more pictures and post meeting times on this site. Commissioner Fucci would also like to add a Fan page as well. Commissioner Recinos suggested that a direct link to this face book page be posted on the EHHS website when it is back up and running. Commissioner Fucci asked Mr. Petrucelli if all monies were spent from the DMHAS grant the YS Commission receives. The SADD program at EHHS is interested in the Rachel's Challenge Program. Commissioner Recinos and Fucci discussed that their might not be an after prom this year but there is talk about a Project graduation event instead.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M. was made by CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Emily Kuzma. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly Smith*

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Recording Secretary