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Town of East Haven, CT
Youth Services Commission Minutes
September 6th, 2022; Hayes on 1 Maple Street, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Youth Services Bureau Coordinator (YSBC) CJ Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Agenda Item – Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anthony Archangelo, Chuck Licata, Jessica Trickett, Anthony Perrotti, Kristy Porter

Commissioners Present via Facetime: Heather Archambault

Commissioners Not Present: AI Camera

Non-Commissioners Present: YSBC CJ Cofrancesco

Agenda Item - To consider and approve the August 2nd, 2022 minutes

Commissioner Perrotti made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Trickett. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item – Old Business

- Sub Item A: Movie Night on the Beach Rescheduled and Moved
 - Movie Night on the Beach was postponed due to a member of the production company having COVID-19. Due to the change in weather, it was decided to relocate the Movie Night to the Green and reschedule it for Friday September 16th at 8pm. Prior to the movie the YSB and Recreation departments will be holding a Games on the Green from 6pm to 7:30pm which the commissioners were invited to attend. YSBC CJ showed the commissioners the flyer he made for the event (see attached document 1), and told the commissioner that he has been advertising on social media and through community partners. The commissioners recommended reaching out to the “*Good things about East Haven*” Facebook page and the East Haven Patch as additional sources to advertise the event.
- Sub Item B: Fall Festival
 - The commission reviewed the hours for the Teen Corner; Friday September 9th from 6pm to 10pm and Saturday September 10th from 5pm to 9pm. Volunteers would sign up for 2.5-hour shifts. Electricity concerns from last year’s Teen Corner were addressed for this year’s event. The production company will be arriving on the green Friday morning to set up the inflatables. This year the commission will be selling towels to go along with the Foam pit, any money raised on towels sales would go back to the commission’s funds.

Tickets will be sold to gain access to the inflatables, all money raised from ticket sales will go to the Fall Festival committee for next year's Fall Festival (and Teen Corner). Ticket prices will be 1 ticket for \$3, 3 tickets for \$5, and 8 tickets for \$10.

- Sub Item C: Boo Bash – October 22nd
 - This year the Boo Bash will be run by the Recreation department this year. The date has been set for Saturday October 22nd, but the time for the event is still TBD. YSBC CJ had a conversation with Rec Director Liz, she would love to have the commissioners help at the event by assisting with inflatables and pumpkin painting. The commissioners were all interested in attending and helping. Once a time is decided YSBC CJ will send it to the commissioners via email.
- Sub Item D: November 18th Event Update (Name)
 - Commissioner Licata talked to the owner of the new trampoline park on route 80 called Adrenaline Rush. Normally it's about \$22 to jump for an hour and some food. He would offer us a \$15 deal which would include 1 hour of jumping, a slice of pizza, and a water bottle. The commission started discussing details for the event. The target population will be middle school students, since it's our first event in a while we will do a maximum capacity of 40 kids, and run the event for a total of 2 hours. The commission discussed covering a portion of the cost and decided to cover a third of it, so the commission will pay \$5 per student and students will pay \$10. A motion to spend up to \$200 on the Adrenaline Rush event was made by commissioner Licata, and seconded by commissioner Archambault, all in favor, motion passed unanimously. Commissioner's Trickett and Archangelo talked about having a theme and suggested Tye dye theme. Any student who shows up in Tye dye will be entered into a raffle for an amazon gift card. Commissioner Licata mentioned that the students would need to sign a waiver before being allowed to jump. Commissioner Archambault recommended getting the waivers from Adrenaline Rush and bringing them to the schools to be distributed. YSBC CJ said they would need to go through the Superintendent's office first and that he could take care of that. He also suggested the waiver be used as a sign-up spot, first come first serve, and that they be collected in advance. The commissioners decided to have waivers collected by Wednesday November 16th.

Agenda Item – YSBC's Report

YSBC CJ updated the commission on the Planning and Zoning committee's decision to extend the moratorium on cannabis establishments till December 31st 2022.

Agenda Item – New Business

- Sub Item A: Collaboration with Recreation Department
 - YSBC CJ talked to the commissioners about collaborating on a program(s) with East Haven Recreation. Commissioner Licata suggested painting trash pails for around town, commissioner Archambault built on idea and talked

about paint buckets to hang around town for during the winter and they would contain de-icing salts. YSBC CJ asked the commissioners to think about other ideas and bring them to next month's meeting.

- Sub Item B: December Event Ideas
 - The commission started talking about potential ideas for an event in December. YSBC CJ suggested doing a Christmas themed bingo event and holding it at the Senior Center. He suggested reaching out to local businesses about making donations as prizes for bingo. The commissioner liked the idea and agreed to pick a date for the event during next month's meeting.

Agenda Item – Teen Commissioner's Report

The teen commissioners had nothing new to report.

Agenda Item – To Act Upon Any Other Matter Before the Commission

- YSBC CJ mentioned a scare crow event the Chamber of commerce is doing and how it would be an opportunity for the commission to work on advertising themselves and their social media pages. When more information becomes available, he will email the commissioners.
- YSBC CJ sent an email to the East Haven Rotary about the Trunk or Treat event, but has not yet received a reply. When he gets more info, he will relay it to the commission via email.
- Commissioner Archambault asked about the new logo and if we can start to use it. YSBC CJ said that he received the final logo and just has to connect with the graphic designer to go over how to use the logo files. He will send the logo to Commissioner Archambault to create t-shirts using her cricket for the scare crow and YSC members.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm was made by commissioner Trickett, seconded by commissioner Archambault. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

CJ Cofrancesco