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Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
October 4th, 2022; Hayes on 1 Maple Street, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Youth Services Bureau Coordinator (YSBC) CJ Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

**Agenda Item – Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Not Present: Al Camera, Jessica Trickett, Heather Archambault

Non-Commissioners Present: YSBC CJ Cofrancesco

**Agenda Item - To consider and approve the September 6<sup>th</sup> , 2022 minutes**

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

**Agenda Item – Old Business**

- Sub Item A: Movie Night on the Green
  - Movie Night was successful, roughly 80 people attended. Commissioners suggested looking into a different company for movie night due to cost of this years. We could potentially do multiple movies over the course of summer 2023.
- Sub Item B: Fall Festival
  - YSBC CJ thanked the commissioners who attended and volunteered for all their help to make the fall festival a success. The Foam Pit was clearly the central activity for the Teen Corner and the commissioners would like to do it again next year. Commissioner Porter suggested two pits, one for younger and one for older kids due to the rough housing when older kids were in the pit. The commissioner were also curious about how the money works for the Fall Festival/Teen Corner and Youth Services. YSBC CJ said he would email Noreen Clough, the Chair of the Fall Festival Committee to find out. Suggestions for a Velcro jump wall and Bungee Run inflatable were made for next year's Fall Festival/Teen Corner by the commissioner's Licata and Archangelo. It was also suggested that we contact EHHS earlier to get volunteers for the Fall Festival since we were shorthanded this year. YSBC CJ made the mistake of waiting too long and learned he could reach out to the guidance office for volunteers. Next year an email should be sent to Kathy Conners, a member of the guidance office, before the school year starts.

- Sub Item C: October Festivities
  - Boo Bash is being run by the Recreation Department this year. It will be held on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recreation asked if the Commission could support the event by providing some man power with the inflatables and pumpkin painting. Several commissioners said they could volunteer their services. The Arrival for help starts at 3pm and ends at 6pm.
  - Trunk or Treat is Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Set up begins at 4:30pm and will run till roughly 6:30pm. Commissioner Perrotti said he would volunteer and will go to the location near the Town Beach. YSBC CJ will order candy for the commission to hand out.
- Sub Item D: Adrenaline Rush
  - The commissioners began planning details for the event scheduled for Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> at Adrenaline Rush in East Haven. Commissioner Licata will reach out to the manager or owner and set up the event. The event will be for East Haven middle school students. Waivers should be signed in advance. YSBC CJ said he would talk to the Finance Director to see what is the best way to collect and or pay for the event.
- Sub Item E: Ideas for Collaboration with Recreation
  - No new ideas were brought up. The commissioners liked last month's suggestion of having youth paint pails that can be loaded with ice salts and handing them out to local businesses. Commissioner Licata suggested asking the Department of Public Works to donate the ice salts.
- Sub Item F: Christmas Bingo
  - The Commissioners discussed and decided on details for the event. The event will take place on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at the East Haven Senior Center as long as there is availability that night. This will be a family event. Commissioner Licata suggested asking Petonito's to donate cookies for the event. Commissioner Porter said we could make our own hot chocolate to serve as well. The commission would potentially look into getting other snacks as well. Commissioner Archangelo wants to make sure we advertise the event thoroughly via flyers and on social media. YSBC CJ suggested asking local businesses to donate gift cards as prizes for the bingo games. The event will play 8 games. YSBC CJ said he will talk to the Senior Center Director Bob Petrucelli about how to get bingo cards, dabbers, and the set up for the event.

### **Agenda Item – YSBC's Report**

YSBC CJ notified the commissioner present that he resigned from his position and that Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> would be his last day. He has heard no news about any replacement and what to expect moving forward. In his opinion the commission can continue operating without him and plan programs/events for the youth in town. Everyone wished him the best moving forward.

### **Agenda Item – New Business**

- Sub Item A: Spots on the Commission

- YBSC CJ informed the commission that they have two open spots for youth on the commission. They should keep their eyes and ears open, and if they find anyone they like, make a suggestion to the mayor about appointing them to the commission. CJ also suggested they look for two middle schoolers since they already have two high schoolers.
- Sub Item B: Annual Calendar
  - YSBC CJ suggested that the commissioner plan their 2023 calendar year at next month's meeting (November). He also recommended that instead of taking two months off in the summer that in 2023 they take July and December off so that there is room to prep for the Fall Festival and enjoy the Holidays.

#### **Agenda Item – Teen Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Archangelo said that he would like to see more community service opportunities available for high school students in town. Many students don't know where to go or how to get their hours done. Commissioner Perrotti suggested that commissioner Archangelo run for class officer in school to assist with providing opportunities for his peers.

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

No other matters were brought.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm was made by Commissioner Licata, seconded by Commissioner Perrotti. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

CJ Cofrancesco