

Town of East Haven, CT.
Youth Services Commission Minutes
February 20, 2013; Teen Center, 200 Tyler Street, East Haven CT;
7:00PM

Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, Emily Kuzma, Chuck Licata, Mary Varunes, Cindy Recinos, Ed Wajdowicz.

Commissioners Absent: CJ Cofrancesco, Bianca Pappacoda, Dominic Milano.

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith.

Chairperson Al Camera took a moment to thank all the commissioners for their time and support. Commissioner Camera also asked all commissioners to please remember to contact Mr. Petrucelli or himself in the event that they are unable to attend a monthly meeting.

Agenda Item-Local Prevention Grant Program Approval

Mr. Petrucelli handed out a copy of the proposed funding application grant for 2013-2014 fiscal years. The amount of the Local Prevention Grant is the same every year, and is based on the population in town. The grant amount is \$4,245.00. Mr. Petrucelli explained the proposed programs and costs. They are:

Post Prom Event at EHHS- \$ 1500.00
Dare Program- \$ 645.00
RX Drug Take Back Program- \$ 600.00
Summer Theatre Program-\$ 1,000.00
EHHS Looking in Theatre Program-\$ 500.00

Commissioner Varnues would like to see if the DARE Program officer can become involved with the Teen Center and the underage drinking prevention coalition in town (East Haven Partnership to Reduce Youth Drinking/EHPRYD). A Motion to accept the Local Prevention Grant

Program itemized budget schedule was made by Commissioner Mary Varunes seconded by Commissioner Ed Wajdowicz. All in favor.
Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

a. Mr. Petrucelli updated the commissioners on the progress at the new space. He stated the center would be receiving the light fixtures and ceiling fans from the old Apizza Grand building that the town owns. The fans and lights would be placed into the two rooms that are used by the Teen Center. Lights will be placed over the pool tables and ceiling fans will be placed in both rooms to help circulate the air in the rooms. Sgt. Emerman of the East Haven Police Department together with the Police Union will be donating funds for an XBOX Kinect system to the teen center for the next event. Commissioner Recinos put together a sketch of a juice bar floor plan to be located in the front room area for students. This juice bar will be build by volunteers with the approval of the Public Works union.

b. Mr. Petrucelli provided a hand-out from two New Haven Academy students who reside in East Haven. Together these two students would like to come to the teen center and work with students on a 3-D Community Diversity Art Project. Mr. Petrucelli mentioned that the two students would be attending future teen center events. Commissioner Camera would like to meet with them to review their plans and expectations they will have from the other students. Commissioner Licata suggested the possibility of a window art project such as stained glass on the old windows at the teen center.

c. Mari McClure of the East Haven Courier is interested in writing a story on the new Teen Center space. She would also like to speak with Commissioner Cindy Recinos about the Teen Center spot. The next scheduled event is being held on March 2, 2013 for all 7th and 8th grade students. Event will run from 7-10 p.m. Ric Raffone spoke to Mr. Petrucelli about the use of the gymnasium as Bidy Basketball will be winding down at the end of March.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

None

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

The next scheduled commissioner meeting will be canceled and reschedule. A special meeting for March 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. will replace the March 13, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Licata suggested that the commission start looking into candidates to replace our two senior commissioners that will be resigning in the summer of 2013 as they will be moving on to college. Discussion about having a plaque made and displayed at the teen center with all commissioners names past and present as well as donators to the Teen Center.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. was made by Commissioner Cindy Recinos, Seconded by Commissioner Ed Wajdowicz, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith
Recording Secretary