

Town of East Haven, CT  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
November 20, 2019; Town Hall, 250 Main St, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

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

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz, Joseph Esposito, Al Camera, Anthony Arcangelo, Michele Lucatino

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Licata

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Jessica Santos

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes

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

To approve the FY 2019-2020 LPC Grant Program

Mr. Petrucelli explained to Commission the purpose of grant and where the funds are distributed. He explained the money is divided between the Post Prom, Arts Council and the Fall Festival. Commissioner Esposito made a motion to accept the distribution of LPC grant funds for fiscal year 2019-2020, seconded by Commissioner Lucatino. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

New Teen Commissioner Discussion

Mr. Petrucelli spoke about how the Commission needs to replace 2 commissioners since Amanda Hopkins and Adam Perrotti are in college out of state. He explained that the new commissioners need to be school aged and East Haven residents, but can attend any school. Some students from the Leadership program are being considered. If you know anyone interested please contact Bob Petrucelli or Al Camera.

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Commissioner Varunes spoke about Amanda Hopkins and how she is doing great since graduating high school and moving on to college.

#### Teen Center Update

Bowling was successful, the kids had a lot of fun. There was mention of Rockin' Jump closing down, as that was a popular spot for Teen Center events. Sky Zone, Dave & Buster's and Urban Air were suggested as places to go to replace going to Rockin' Jump.

Holiday Teen Center events were discussed with ideas such as cookie decorating, gingerbread house making, ugly sweater contest and Christmas movies and hot chocolate. Commissioner Lucatino said she would bake the cookies for the kids to decorate. Commissioner Camera will set a date coming up.

#### Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

Nothing to report

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

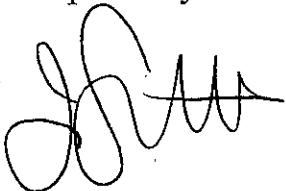
Commissioner Camera spoke about the EHHS Alumni Visual Arts Show that's on display in the gallery area by the auditorium. It is on display until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Jackie Roche, former Teen Center participant, has artwork on display, as well as Brianna Kaminsky who is also a former Teen Center participant. All pieces on display range from 1954 to 2019.

Commissioner Varunes brought up the need to address the ongoing opioid crisis. One idea was for the Teen Center to sponsor an event in conjunction with SADD.

The next commission meeting will be moved from Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lucatino, seconded by Commissioner Arcangelo. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Varunes', is written below the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.