

Town of East Haven, CT.
Youth Services Commission Minutes
September 12, 2012; Teen Center, 200 Tyler Street, East Haven
CT; 7:00PM

Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Chuck Licata, Bianca Pappacoda, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes.

Commissioners Absent: Emily Kuzma, Dominic Milano, Ed Wajdowicz.

Non-Commissioners present: Mary Cofrancesco, Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith.

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the June 13, 2012 minutes

A Motion to accept the June 13, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Mary Varunes, seconded by Chuck Licata. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli walked the commissioners through the space located at 200 Tyler Street; this will be the new space for the Teen Center. Mr. Petrucelli spoke to the commission about how we could make this space work. The commissioners would like to make a list of some improvements that they would like to see done. Chairman Camera would like to set up a meeting with the Union President Chuck DeMaio, Forman Nick Pizzarusso, and Art Desorbo Administration and Management to clarify what if any work Public Works would allow volunteers to do. Mr. Petrucelli mentioned the possibility of having a work party and reaching out to any contacts that the commissioners might have. Commissioner Camera and Commissioner Licata suggested a list of ground rules from Public Works would be helpful.

Mr. Petrucelli stated that the Summer Camp Program uses this space over the summer for approximately 5 weeks. He would like to have the Teen Center also run some after school and summer programs as well.

Teen Commissioners Report-

Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco informed the commission that he attended the Town Council meeting last week in regards to the plans of the old high school. He spoke on behalf of the East Haven youth. Commissioner Cofrancesco spoke about how it could be investment to the youth of this town to have the building used for a community center, including arts and sports. He also mentioned that it could be used for educational purposes also-programs like mentoring and skill development. Commissioner Pappacoda expressed concern about what would happen to Bidy Basketball which is currently using the old high school gymnasium in any plans for the old high school building.

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

None at this time

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:23P.M. was made by Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco, Seconded by Commissioner Cindy Recinos, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary