Town of East Haven, CT.

Youth Services Commission Minutes

November 16, 2016; Teen Center, 250 Main St, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Chairperson Camera called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz, Chuck Licata, Joseph Esposito, Teal Graziano

Commissioners Absent: Adam Perrotti, Amanda Hopkins, Michelle Lucatino

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Jessica Santos

Agenda Item-Consider and approve the May 25, 2016 minutes

Commissioner Camera asked if there were any changes to the May 25, 2016 minutes. A Motion to accept the May 25, 2016 minutes as written was made by Commissioner Liccata, seconded by Commissioner Varunes. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-To set the 2016-2017 YS Commission meeting schedule

Meetings to be held at: 250 Main St, East Haven, CT 06512 at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, dates as follows: January 11, 2017; February 8, 2017; March 8, 2017; April 12, 2017; May 10, 2017; June 14, 2017; September 13, 2017; October 11, 2017; November 8, 2017; December 13, 2017; January 10, 2018

Motion to accept the 2016-2017 meeting dates was made by Commissioner Esposito, seconded by Commissioner Graziano.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

General discussion on the Teen Centers’ move to Hays school, the furniture Public Works has for the Teen Center, what to bring over from old space and set a date to make the move. Chairman Camera volunteered to contact Foxon Rec to assist in the coordination of setting times and dates for Teen Center events at Hays school. Mention of outdoor space at Hays for spring time events. There will be no more events at the old high school as of now, with a possible move back to the old space after renovations in 2019.

Teen Center Holiday event scheduled for Friday, December 16th from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Idea for the event is a holiday themed movie night with pizza, holiday cookies, hot chocolate and candy canes for snacks. Students can wear holiday pajamas or “ugly” holiday sweater. Some of the movies suggested were Elf, Home Alone, Jingle All The Way, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and A Christmas Story. There will also be a holiday themed raffle held and possible best holiday outfit contest. Commissioner Graziano will talk to Principle Lynn about wearing sweaters to school the day of the event. Admission will be $3 OR 2 canned goods at the door.

Other discussion for future Teen Center events included lip sync battle working with students from EHHS at Retro Rock Café, trip to SkyZone, and open mic night with Sarah Mallory of Hagaman Memorial Library.

Agenda Item-Teen Commissioners Report

All future advertisements will reach out to East Haven Academy.

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

Commissioner Varunes mentioned possible after school programs/activities for teens to have a safe place for homework, athletics and gather.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. was made by Commissioner Esposito, Seconded by Commissioner Liccata. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Santos