

# Windsor Youth Commission

## Minutes – 10/06/04

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Florence Barlow, Chairperson, presided.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Florence Barlow	Sharon Rispoli	Jeanette Cave	Marva Speed-Copeland
Joe Novak	Robert Gange	Cori-Lynn Webber	Patricia Hymes
Michael Reynolds	Cindy Fisher, WPD	Sarah Thrall	Katy Nowiszewski

### **MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Melissa Mascoli

### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mary-Liz Sullivan                      Kathy Wise

### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Donald Trinks	Peter Souza	Marina Surette
Rich Henderson	Catherine Moreton	

### **GUESTS**

Jane Garibay, Windsor Board of Education  
Sarah Maffolini, Student

### **Chairperson's Remarks and Welcome Visitors –**

Welcome to Katie Nowiszewski, new student member, and Sarah Maffolini, who is considering student alternate member.

Also – welcome to Jane Garibay, who would like to address the Youth Commission.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES –**

June, 2004

Correction from Cori-Lynn regarding information about Underage Drinking: presented by Robert Gange, not Cori-Lynn Webber.

Correction from Joe Novak regarding space in front of Library: should read “additional space.”

Motion to approve June 2004 minutes made by Robert Gange; seconded by Joe Novak.  
Unanimous.

September, 2004

Motion to approve made by Joe Novak; seconded by Cori-Lynn Webber. Unanimous.

**Proposal from guest** – Jane Garibay, President of the Windsor Board of Education, presented information regarding three arrests of Windsor high school youth during the summer for theft of street signs. Proposal is that the Youth Commission, with the youth from the Youth Council, develop a program to educate the youth and their parents about the significance of street sign theft. Loss of signs not only has financial implications, but, also, impacts emergency vehicles in trying to locate addresses when responding to fire and other emergencies. Discussion followed regarding possibility of amnesty day, brochures distributed through schools outlining seriousness of situation, public forums. Officer Fisher noted that Community Service could be set up with the 3 offenders to work on developing an educational program. Cindy also noted that perhaps the Partnership could develop classes focused on Larceny, similar to their classes on violence. Cori-Lynn suggested possibility of a newspaper article with info about seriousness and how it affects town and citizens. Cori-Lynn also offered to look further into the concept of Community Service project as part of probation. Florence will contact Chief Searles to address next Youth Commission meeting with more specific information about situation and ideas for program to educate the youth and their families.

Jane Garibay, as Chamber of Commerce, presented another proposal – explore option of program, such as a dance, for the teenagers that attend “Nightmare on Broad Street”. The teenagers tend to hang out on the green after the event winds down and the merchants are ready to shut down. Mary-liz noted that it is an excellent suggestion – unfortunately, it is too late to organize a dance for this year – and Youth Services is already involved in First Town Downtown’s program that is already scheduled for the VFW. Mary-liz noted that there are significant expenses attached to the dances, which requires Youth Services to charge admission for its dances. Also – the dances need a lot of adult personnel and the number of youth attending cannot exceed fire regulations, which is 299 persons at the VFW. Jane felt that the Nightmare committee would be willing to help. Mary-liz noted that it is a great idea for next year – and that the Youth Council would probably want to be involved.

## **STANDING REPORTS** –

### **CASAC** -

Mary-liz reported that our grant application was approved and we have received the check for \$4,245. Also – the CASAC Annual Meeting will be October 20, and, our nomination of Katie Nowiscewski for the Youth Role Model Award was received, and, she will be given the award at the meeting. CONGRATULATIONS! Florence suggested sending info to the Windsor Journal and Journal Inquirer. Mary-liz will get bio info to Florence.

**Recreation** – No report; no staff member in attendance.

**Youth Services Bureau** – Mary-liz passed out flyers for the event sponsored by the Youth Commission – “Night of 1001 Pumpkins” – requesting volunteers to help with the event. Also – distributed info regarding Red Ribbon Week and ribbons. Fall programs have begun well – there are more high school youth leaders this year.

**PAL** – Joe Novak shared info regarding upcoming event – “Celebrity Flag Football.”

**Library** – No report; no staff representative in attendance.

**Windsor Public Schools** – Kathy Wise reported that the CT Mastery tests are completed; there are several new “Enrichment Clusters”; sports have begun; Peer Mediation training has begun.

**St. Gabriel School** – Michael Reynolds reported that some of the students will be conducting a “Trick or Treat for Food” – which they will bring to Food Share.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Board of Education – AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR STREET SIGN THEFT** – See information from guest – Board of Education.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. UNDERAGE DRINKING**

1. Ordinance – Bob Gange is working on this. Information will be forthcoming.
2. Bob Gange presented information regarding program “Every 15 Minutes”. He spoke with Police from South Windsor regarding their experience. The program cost approximately \$6000 – they had it sponsored by the Rotary. It took 2 full days to run – it required tremendous involvement. Suggestion that perhaps there will be new money for the Underage Drinking grant program with new monies that have been just released, according to news reports. Patricia Hymes suggested also looking into Juvenile Justice money. Florence offered to call legislators for info regarding release of monies for educational programs around underage drinking. Mary-liz reported that she has ordered demonstration video and manual of “Every 15 Minutes” program. Suggest that it be reviewed at next meeting. She notes that her information from YSBs about program matches what Bob Gange has reported from South Windsor.

### **B. Youth Council**

Mary-liz reports that they haven’t met yet and probably won’t this month as most of the same youth are working on the Night of 1001 pumpkins and Nightmare on Broad Street.

### **C. Library services and Youth Council**

Joe Novak will talk with Laura about meeting with youth for their input on floor plan.

### **C. Foster Family Support**

Mary-liz reviewed new DCF proposal for initiating their own Positive Youth Development program. Mary-liz noted her concern that this may become a initiative in direct competition with the state’s Youth Services Bureau program. Mary-liz noted that she submitted an application for the DCF grant but was rejected because there was a mandatory training that she had not attended since she didn’t know about it. The information regarding the training was made known to the regional mental health clinics; Community health Resources attended from this area. Mary-liz reviewed with the Youth Commission her proposal for a program and its funding requirements, as it was outlined for this grant. Discussion followed regarding ways to further explore funding options.

**D. Paint Ball** - Cori-Lynn shared email from Recreation manager, Paul Norris. The proposal for a Paint Ball Park is on hold at this time.

## **Administrative Business**

Mary-liz reviewed email addresses and phone numbers for official list in Town Manager’s office.

**Round Table –**

Sharon Rispoli – Benefit Dance for Molly-Ann Curley on October 23 at the Windsor Elks Club.

Marva Speed-Copeland – First Church has a new and very active youth group.

Patricia Hymes – School is going well – grant application completed.

Sarah Maffolini – Shared about “Pathways” – Diversity education program run by Windsor High School; facilitated by Youth Services Bureau.

Joe Novak – Library will be having to move books – may need help.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Novak and seconded by R. Gange. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary-liz Sullivan