

Windsor Youth Commission

Minutes – 9/01/04

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Florence Barlow, Chairperson, presided.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Melissa Mascoli

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary-Liz Sullivan	Kathy Wise
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Donald Trinks	Peter Souza	Marina Surette
Rich Henderson	Catherine Moreton	

GUESTS

none

Chairperson's Remarks and Welcome Visitors –

Welcome back. We'll devote this meeting to setting goals for the year.
Also – Note: Janet Foster has resigned because her job requires her to travel.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – Florence will get minutes from June out to the members.

STANDING REPORTS –

Standing reports were not reviewed since this is the first meeting of the academic year and the decision was made to concentrate on setting goals, which will follow under New Business.

CASAC grant

Mary-liz reviewed the grant application that she has submitted.
Projects to be funded: YSB HOPE program; YSB LIT program; YSB Youth Worker; Events: "Night of 1001 Pumpkins" and "A Winter Festival"; Red Ribbon activities in Sage Park; Youth directory; Exploring Underage Drinking program; Contribution to Project Graduation; snacks for Youth Council meetings.

Florence passed out copies of grant for members to review.

NEW BUSINESS

A. UNDERAGE DRINKING

1. Ordinance – Bob Gange is working on this. Proposal to develop town ordinance regarding adult accountability for parties in which alcohol is available to minors. Will contact other towns that have done this to begin to develop exact wording.
2. Program – “Every 15 Minutes” – Explore feasibility of doing a program similar to those done by South Windsor and Windsor Locks. Mary-liz will get more information about company that provides it, the cost, and the possibility of getting them to make a presentation at one of our meetings.

B. Board of Education – Amnesty program for stolen signs

Florence notes that Jane Garibay would like to attend a future meeting to discuss the problem of street signs being stolen – would like to organize a program to bring this issue to the attention of parents to highlight its seriousness and get parents more involved in a resolution.

C. Youth Council

Need to get them organized again. Mary-liz suggested a fall or winter event to keep up their momentum – unfortunately, her budget probably will not be able to financially support an event this year. The event last spring cost a bit and was poorly attended. The young people who came, however, had a good time and spoke highly about it in school. It would be too bad to lose the momentum. Mary-liz notes that it would be better also to do something earlier in the year. The last event was just before the end of school so the hype was soon lost.

D. Library services

Joe Novak suggested that the Youth Council meet with the Library and see if the Library could use their help in any way in getting youth more connected with the Library.

E. Foster Family Support

Cori-Lynn suggested we re-visit the discussion last year regarding services for youth who reside in foster homes. Mary-liz noted that the program that she was proposing to initiate through youth services is currently on hold due to budget constraints. Cori-Lynn suggested that Mary-liz bring her program proposal to the next Youth Commission meeting. Florence offered to attempt to get the figure as to the number of Windsor youth in foster residence as we assess the need for any additional service.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding proposed Paint Ball park. Question arose as to whether the Youth Commission should be pro-active in assessing the ability of youth to differentiate paint-ball play within a game setting from its use as vandalism. Should the Youth Commission address an educational piece to go with the park. Cori-Lynn offered to get more information regarding the park from Recreation Services.

Administrative Business

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

Also – reviewed meeting schedule.

Youth Commission Meeting Schedule 2004-05:

October 6
November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-liz Sullivan