

Windsor Youth Commission

Minutes – 12/07/05

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Florence Barlow, Chairperson, presided.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Florence Barlow	Marva Speed-Copeland	Kelvan Kearse, WPD
Joe Novak	Robert Gange	Jeanette Cave
Sharon Gauthier		

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Patricia Hymes	Cori-Lynn Webber	Jean Goselin
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary-Liz Sullivan	Rick Bosch
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Kathy Wise	Catherine Moreton
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GUESTS

none

Chairperson's Remarks and Welcome Visitors –

Florence noted that she will be giving the annual report to the Town Council on December 19. Also noted that there is a new member, Jean Goselin, who was unable to make tonight's meeting but is excited about joining.

PREVIOUS MINUTES –

Motion to approve November 2005 minutes, with correction noting Catherine Moreton's attendance, made by Joe Novak; seconded by Bob Gange. Unanimous.

STANDING REPORTS –

CASAC -

Nothing new to report.

Youth Services Bureau – Ms. Sullivan expressed her concern that the "Winter Fest", which is coming up on February 3, may be similar to the situation with "Night of 1001 Pumpkins" in that she has no staff and may find it difficult to get volunteers. Florence Barlow, Jeanette Cave, and Sharon Gauthier volunteered to meet with Ms. Sullivan to brainstorm ideas to make event doable.

PAL – Joe Novak reported on elections – Kelvan Kearse is the new president and Joe Novak is the vice president. A new staff person – a full-time director – has been hired. Currently the organization is solvent.

Recreation – Rick Bosch shared information about the new "Crossroads" program. He reviewed the program model which includes academic tutoring provided by the Board of Education, social competency workshops provided by staff from Human Services and Recreation, a Community

Service component, and a Recreational component. The Recreation department provides two part-time staff members. Currently there are approximately 15 youth participating, who have been referred from a variety of sources and who have been experiencing behavioral difficulties.

Library – no report.

Windsor Public Schools – no report.

Police - Captain Kearse discussed the statewide problem of increasing gang activity. He discussed this as a national issue, particularly with respect to the MS13 (La Mara Salvatrucha) gang which has become prevalent in the Washington DC area. Kelvan noted that currently there is no indication that this gang is in our area, but, the Windsor Police Dept. continues to be proactive in its prevention efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Underage Drinking

Discussed need to get this project actually underway. Dr. Gange proposed asking for funds from the Town Council. Florence suggested we table Standing Committee reports next month and devote the entire meeting to an actual planning session. Everyone agreed.

B. Youth Council

Currently on hold. .

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee

Nominations for officers; elections at January meeting.

B Meeting Schedule for 2006. Ms. Sullivan submitted meeting schedule for 2006 which was read to the Youth Commission by Chairperson Barlow. Motion to approve by B. Gange; seconded by J. Novak. Ms. Sullivan will submit to Town Clerk.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-liz Sullivan

These minutes were approved by the Youth Commission at their meeting on January 4, 2006.