

**Youth Commission
Regular Meeting – DRAFT
Windsor Town Hall – Ludlow Room
November 1, 2006**

Present: Commission Chair Barlow, Commissioners Carpenter, Gange, Novak, and Webber; Student Member Katy Nowiszewski; Captain Kelvan Kearse, Police; Rick Bosch, Recreation Department; Barbara Trinks, Superintendent's Designee; Kathy Wise, Public Schools, Mary-liz Sullivan, Youth Services Bureau

Guest: Emily Moon, Assistant Town Manager

1. **Call To Order** – Chair Barlow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Chairperson's Remarks and Welcome**

Chair Barlow introduced Emily Moon and noted that she would speak at the beginning of the meeting to address questions regarding available after school programs. Florence noted that Emily would need to speak prior to the business of the meeting because she would need to leave soon after her remarks due to another meeting.

3. **Presentation regarding After school program information – Emily Moon**

Emily Moon presented an overview of a meeting that was held last month between personnel from the Windsor Public Schools and Town of Windsor staff to discuss after-school programs. This meeting was attended by Superintendent Elizabeth Feser, Assistant Superintendent Robin Sorenson, Town Manager Peter Souza, Police Chief Kevin Searles, Captain Tom LePore, Sage Park Principal Paul Cavaliere, Recreation Director Paul Norris, Crossroads Coordinator Rick Bosch, Human Services Director Robin Newman, Youth Services Coordinator Mary-liz Sullivan, Milo Peck Director Anne Wakelin, and facilitated by Assistant Town Manager Emily Moon. Emily distributed to the Youth Commission members copies of a compilation of resources that had been initiated by the Police chief. She noted that the existing programs appear to break down as Academic, Recreational, and Leadership development. She noted that the next step for this team is to analyze existing programs to assess areas of duplication and gaps and determine why overlaps exist as well as why gaps exist. There may also be an analysis by an outside entity – perhaps a consultant or graduate research student. Cori Lynn asked about the time frame for this project; Emily responded that it would hopefully begin during this winter and be compiled by June, 2007.

4. **Meeting Minutes – October 2006**

MOTION: A motion by Commissioner Novak, second by Commissioner Gange to approve the minutes of October 4, 2006 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Standing Committee Reports**

A. CASAC- Mary-liz reported on CASAC dinner meeting and noted that the new LPC Coordinator, Jen Bliska, spoke at the meeting. Ms. Bliska will be scheduling meetings to visit local LPCs soon.

B. Youth Services Bureau – After school program continues at maximum enrollment. “Night of 1001 Pumpkins” event was held in spite of terrible weather. The downpour and extreme winds affected the event but there were still approximately 125 people who attended. November events include the youth making baked goods and selling them at the L.P. Wilson polling site on Election Day for United Way, and, raking leaves for the senior disabled. The youth also continue to monitor the exterior of L.P. Wilson for trash and will rake the courtyards there.

C. PAL – Captain Kearse reported that there has been interest in using the facility by a boy's travel basketball team. The PAL Board has approved the purchase of video games and may plan video game

tournaments with an emphasis on sports games.

D. Library Services – Commissioner Novak reported that they are in the midst of hiring a new youth coordinator.

E. Windsor Schools – Ms. Wise reported that the “Windsor Way” program is under way. The first quarter is ending. Ms. Trinks reported on Community Forum with Calvin Terrell on Monday, November 6 and also a program for the high school students within the school day and a program for staff as part of their professional development.

Dr. Gange expressed thanks to Barbara Trinks for facilitating getting information about the underage drinking program to Principal J. Arcarese.

F. Recreation – Rick Bosch handed out flyers for WIBL basketball and Dinner with Santa Claus. He also reviewed a new program that he is initiating called “Middle School Extravaganza”. This will be held on one Friday evening per month at the Windsor Athletic Club facility and would include sports, dancing, and refreshments.

G. Police Department – Captain Kears commented on some difficulties with Halloween night and nuisance behavior by older youth both on the town green and throughout the community. Commissioners recommended perhaps having a special program at the schools in the future prior to Halloween informing youth of the seriousness of nuisance behavior and consequences of criminal activity associated with Halloween. Captain Kears also commented on some issues regarding violent conflicts amongst youth who attend the Pathways to Technology school and some consulting that the police are doing with that school’s principal regarding conflict resolution strategies.

6. Reports on Projects

Youth Council – Katy reported the Youth Council will be meeting later in November.

7. New Business –

Winter Festival – Cori Lynn noted that Mary-liz could have used some help with organizational tasks and event development prior to “Night of 1001 Pumpkins” and that we should develop an organizational plan for the next event.

8. Round Table

Hillary Carpenter – Plans for the “I Dream a World” contest are under way with a kick-off date on Martin Luther King Day in January. The committee are able to meet with youth and school groups to present the contest and assist youth in planning their submission.

Cori Lynn Webber – The Girl Scouts are having a breakfast and auction on November 30 – will be a very nice event.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion by Commissioner Gange; second by Commissioner Novak; passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-liz Sullivan, Staff Liaison

These minutes were approved by the Youth Commission at their December 6, 2006 meeting.