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## **Special Meeting Minutes**

May 7th, 2024

### **Agenda Item- Call to Order**

East Haven Youth Service Bureau Coordinator (YSBC), Andrea Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **Agenda Item- Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Anthony Arcangelo, Nicole Burrell, Al Camera

Commissioners Not Present: Heather Archambault, Anthony Perrotti, Simone Saffo, Jessica Trickett, Chuck Licata

Non-Commissioners Present: Andrea Kenney, Erica Withycombe-Clerk

### **Agenda Item- Review Minutes**

Commissioner Camera made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Archangelo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item- Past Events**

Mrs. Kenney reported that there was a Teen center event during April Vacation. The event was from 11AM-3PM. She stated that it was a great time, and there were about 20 kids. They had pizza and an ice cream emergency truck. Overall, it was a successful event provided to the children of the teen center.

Mrs. Kenney shared that the after prom Event was canceled due to not getting enough participation and Youth Services will no longer be sponsoring.

Mrs. Kenney said that the program at the East Haven Library did not get a big enough turn out and Youth Services will not be sponsoring that either.

Lastly, Mrs. Kenney said that the teen center will be running at least two times a month.

### **Agenda Item- Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Kenney shared the teen center days for May and June. May 10th, May 17th, June 7th and June 21st. She stated that there will be three movie nights at the Town Beach and that she is

waiting on confirmation. July 8th they will show Elemental, July 29th they will show Gremlins and August 12th they will show Transformers: The Rise of the Beasts.

There are three trips planned that will hopefully be fully funded. July 10th will be a trip to CT Suns Basketball game. It will be a day trip and will be an 11AM game. The second trip will be on July 31st to Lake Compounce. There will be a picnic style lunch included. The third trip will be August 14th and will be an evening at the Yard Goats game.

Mrs. Kenney reported that they will continue the mentoring program. They will have the last main training with Dr. Mentor. This mentor program will be up and running at the beginning of the school year.

Commissioner Al Camera asked How many mentors there are in the program. Mrs. Kenney shared that there are 21 as of now and each year they are hoping to increase the number of mentors.

Mrs. Kenney said that the Youth Services Commission will be sponsoring DJ Nova at East Haven Touch a Truck event on Saturday May 11th.

The archery program at the teen center is up and running and will be going on through the summer.

#### **Agenda Item- Open Discussion/Commission:**

Mrs. Kenney asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Camera brought up the question of how do we operate as a commissions board?

There was a discussion about what the teen center used to look like and how the commissioners were involved in the activities. Commissioner Camera stated that it was truly community based including community members, and everyone was involved in planning the events at the teen center.

Commissioners feel that the youth service commission has lost momentum and there needs to be consistency with commissioners who show up to meetings and are showing their dedication.

#### **Agenda Item- Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m was made by Andrea Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Archangelo. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.