

Town of East Haven, CT.  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
May 9, 2012; Teen Center, 78 Frontage Road, East Haven CT;  
7:00PM

Vice Chairperson CJ Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma, Chuck Licata, Dominic Milano, Cindy Recinos, Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz.

Commissioners Absent: Bianca Pappacoda

Non-Commissioners present: Mary Cofrancesco, Kelly Smith, Bob Petrucelli

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the April 11, 2012 minutes

A Motion to accept the April 11, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Cindy Recinos, seconded by Chuck Licata. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Updates

a. Lease Update

Mr. Petrucelli has spoken with the Mike Schaffer and was told that it is a safe bet that the Teen Center would need to relocate by the end of July. Mr. Schaffer as been extremely accommodating to us as a landlord. Mr. Petrucelli and the Commission will formally thank him for all his help and support with the Teen Center. Mr. Petrucelli has spoken with Art DeSorbo, Director of Administration and Management for the Town of East Haven. Mr. DeSorbo has a few possibilities for new space for the Teen Center. Commissioners, CJ Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma and Cindy Recinos ask if they would be able to paint the walls in this new space. Commissioner Recinos would like to do another Art project on the walls. Discussion about the possibility of painting on canvas that could be displayed at the new location.

Commissioner Al Camera arrived at 7:19.

#### b. Summer Theatre Program-Art Program

Mr. Petrucelli believes that there is still a possibility that the summer art program and theatre could still be held at our current location. The program ran last year for 4-6 weeks. Mr. Petrucelli discussed with the commission that perhaps we could start this year at the end of June and run until the third week in July. Commissioners Camera and Recinos would be discussing some ideas and possibilities for this year's art program.

#### c. Field Trip

Mr. Petrucelli stated the Teen Center field trip will be June 1<sup>st</sup> to the North Branford Sports Complex. The students will be able to play Laser Tag, and Cyber Sports. The Event will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students will meet at the Teen Center at 6 p.m. bus leaves 6:30 prompt. Cost for this event is \$10.00 per teen with the teens being charged only \$ 5.00. Mr. Petrucelli will work on permission slips and will distribute to St. Vincent's De Paul School, East Haven Academy, and JMMS. Space is limited and will be on a first come bases. This event is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that have attend this years Teen Center program. Commissioner Camera suggested that once permission slips are turned in the student would be issue a ticket to attend this event.

#### d. Year End Event

Mr. Petrucelli discussed with the commission that June 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, would be the last Teen Center event held. In years past this event has always been a cookout and picnic theme. Commissioner Milano suggested adding a Wiffle ball tournament. Commissioner Recinos asked to have face painting for an activity. Discussion about using the Old High School ball field was mentioned. This would mean that we would need to check with Lou Pane about using the gym entrance to have access to bathroom facilities for students. Commissioner Milano mentioned also that we would need to check with public works to make sure field and grass were okay for students.

#### e. Drug Take Back Update

Mr. Petrucelli mentioned to the commission that he is still having trouble finding anyone to take any unused prescriptions or over the counter drugs.

## Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco spoke about the East Haven PRYD project specifically the summer LEAD conference for teens. 10 Students will be chosen from East Haven to participate in this conference.

Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco suggested that a plan be put together with all the Youth Commissioners before the move into the new Teen Center. He would like to have some new ideas and a “Wish List” after going through all equipment at the Teen Center. Commissioner CJ Cofrancesco and Emily Kuzma would like to see other things besides an Art Program over the summer.

Agenda Item-To consider and act upon any matter brought before the Commission-

None at this time

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:58P.M. Was made by Commissioner Emily Kuzma, Seconded by Commissioner Dominic Milano, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith  
Recording Secretary