

Town of East Haven, CT.
Youth Services Commission Minutes
October 10, 2012; Teen Center, 200 Tyler Street, East Haven CT;
7:00PM

Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Present: Al Camera, CJ. Cofrancesco, Emily Kuzma, Cindy Recinos, Bianca Pappacoda, Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz.

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Licata, Dominic Milano,

Non-Commissioners present Mary Cofrancesco and Bob Petrucelli

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the September 12, 2012 minutes

A Motion to accept the September 12, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Mary Varunes, seconded by Commissioner Emily Kuzma. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item-Teen Center Program Update

Mr. Petrucelli informed the commission that an agreement was made with the Public Works Union and the Mayors office allowing volunteers to paint, remove the weights, replace ceiling tiles and do something with the floors. Public works will take care of anything related to the heat, outside lights, inside electric, etc. Need to further discuss a plan for the floors.

Mr. Petrucelli reported that John Torniero volunteered to paint again and will donate some paint and that Commissioner Chuck Licata and he will go to Home Depot for the rest. On next Monday afternoon (~4 PM) a dumpster will be delivered and Norm DeMartino, Jr. has volunteered to pick up and remove the weights. A brief discussion was held regarding keeping one large piece of equipment for future use, but it was decided not to keep anything at this time. Some of the ceiling tiles that need to be replaced have already been taken down and replacement tiles will be taken from other areas of the building that are not being used. Judy Sitnick from AmeriClean has offered to clean the rug in other room as best as she can. She also donated a rug to cut and paste where the paint is on the floor.

The layout was worked on last Monday and Commissioner Cindy Recinos gave a rundown of the temporary setup. Colors were also discussed with the first room light blue, the “Lizard Lounge will be green, and the second room will be black/dark gray with black lights. The first room will be set up temporarily so we can begin having events.

The first event will be held October 26th, 7-9 PM and will have a Halloween theme. Any food or supply requests should be put through Cindy Recinos. Hopefully, the weights will all be out, the first room painted, and the exit signs done by then. Mr. Petrucelli will also look into the gym availability.

Possible plans for drop off and pickup was discussed. Mr. Petrucelli will be meeting with the police department to discuss the best scenario. Still need to work out logistic of parking and outdoor lighting.

Teen Commissioners Report-

Commissioner Recinos stated that she has been unable to find additional teen volunteers. It was suggested that she talk to Mr. Coppola or put a flyer up on the volunteer board at the high school. A student could then contact one of the teen commissioners for further information.

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

Commissioner Al Camera stated that he and the rest of the Commission Members would like to thank Mr. Petrucelli and the volunteers who have begun working on the new teen center. To date, those that we would like to thank include Amy Holt, Sal Luzzi, John Torniero, Peter Grippo Sr., Owen Little, Norm DeMartino, Jr., Courtney Nixon, Stephanie Hribko, Juan Torres, Joe DiPeto, Cindy Recinos, Rose Maldonado and Wes Piche.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:51P.M was made by Commissioner C.J. Cofrancesco, Seconded by Commissioner Cindy Recinos, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Cofrancesco
Recording Secretary