

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

Windsor Youth Commission

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday January 4, 2012
All Purpose Room 2 – L.P. Wilson

Minutes

Attendees: Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Barlow, Commissioner Waterhouse, Commissioner Speed-Copeland, Commissioner Darren Waterhouse, Commissioner Joe Novak, Mary-Liz Sullivan (Youth Services & Recreation Dept.), Sgt. Chris McKee (Windsor Police), Jody Lefkowitz (Windsor Schools), Andrea Ingala (Windsor Library), Pam DiGiore (Board of Education)

1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm
2. Chairperson's Remarks and Welcome
 - A. Commissioner Ingram could not attend but would like the youth publication sub-committee to consider reschedule the upcoming to another date other than 1/9/2012. The group is considering 1/23/2012. Andrea will check the library for available space. Mary-Liz has four members of Youth Services interested in participating.
 - B. Commissioner Speed-Copeland shared that Castella Copeland (Youth Council Rep), was participating in a special fundraiser to help bring clean water to students of the Namungodi Primary School in Uganda, Africa.
3. Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2011: There was a correction noted by Commissioner Bonnie Waterhouse that it was not determined until after the December 7th meeting that we would pursue a new location for the Youth Commission meetings.

2012 Youth Commission meetings will be held at LP Wilson in All Purpose Room II. Paul Norris secured this space for the commission. Helene Albert and Ruth Budlong at Town Hall have been notified of the change.

4. Old Business -
 - A. Windsor Youth Activity Publication – No meeting until 1/23/2012 at 6:30 pm
 - B. Windsor Youth Center – Commissioners Owens and Waterhouse met with Peter Souza and Paul Norris to the teen center feasibility study, the

youth publication and youth commission logo contest. They suggested that we consider utilizing 330 Windsor Ave. Next step take youth to see the space and determine if it can be used as an interim/pilot solution. Further discussion in the 1/4/2012 Youth Commission meeting resulted in Commissioner Darren Waterhouse suggesting the possible use of Marshal Phelps/Day Hill Road industrial buildings. The town gives kick back on building. Commissioner Novak said the average commercial space in Windsor is \$4.00 per square foot. Mary-Liz Sullivan suggested that we could arrange for bus service if Teen Center took off at 330 Windsor Ave or any other location. We could also consider the use of LP Wilson. We could encourage retailers to support the Teen Center with donations. Other suggestions for locations included the antiques store and space in churches. The critical requirement or the teen center is that they want to have their own space. Mary-Liz is preparing a proposal for a High School Student Café to be held at LP Wilson in multi- purpose room I and the court yard just off the room. She and the Youth Services are considering hosting 'battle of the bands, singing groups and bands from the high school, karaoke night, poetry, etc.

C. Pam DiGiore was asked to attend the Youth Commission meeting by the chairperson of the Board of Education. Pam will service as our BOE liaison.

D. Windsor Youth Organizations Partnership – Sub-committee meeting scheduled for 1/12/2012 at the High School Career Center.

5. New Business –

A. Meeting with Peter Sousa, Town Manager and Paul Norris, Recreation. Commissioners Yvette Owens and Bonnie Waterhouse discussed the Youth Commission logo contest, the Teen Center, the Youth Publication and the possibility of hosting a Meet & Greet in June for all youth leaders in the town of Windsor. We were seeking their feedback and suggestions.

B. The proposed Meet & Greet with Town Youth Leaders in June would serve as a means of introductions to the individual, programs/activities available for and to support Windsor's youth.

A motion was put forth by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Bonnie Waterhouse that we host the Meet & Greet for Windsor's Youth Leaders. We will pull together the list of invitees as follows: Schools – Jody Lefkowitz, Churches – Commissioner Barlow, Sgt. Chris McKee and Captain Kears – Civic groups

6. Standing Committee Reports – (submit written reports)

- A. CASAC – Upcoming events include the spring collaborative – Youth Summit, Windsor Locks; Mary-Liz said that we used \$1975 to date from possible funds to the Youth Commission. – used; left \$675; grants are written in June/July – In 2012 we should have our desired request for equipment by May 2012 to allow for the funds to be secured. Project Graduation fundraising is underway. CASAC will come in and train. They will train us as facilitators so we don't have to continue service from MADD. Mary-Liz is getting trained
- B. Youth Services – Getting Cross Roads off the ground including HS – students will be drawn because at LP Wilson there is a gym, school they go on field trips on the ½ days, there is a recreational component; the draw for parents is that they want to get help for their kids, learning through fun i.e.: engineering thru Legos, nutritional program @ northwest park work with caterer – there is space for 22 kids – The programs will receive laptops
- C. PAL – They are gearing up for a fundraiser in the spring sending. Letters are being sent out to update Civic groups; they received late an application national grant program in PAL. The group will pursue applying for this grant next year.
- D. Library Services – December served 125 kids; Library Assoc gave \$\$; Poetry out loud winner goes to Washington DC recite poetry; new volunteer program need to know what are required hours, state book award at end of January – voting booth going into Sage Park; Youth Services kids have made lots
- E. Windsor Schools – Feb early release is full day; Middle School transition night 5th graders learning 6th grade was held 1/4/2012; Jody spoke with Peter 1/4/2012 regarding the transitioning of disabled High School students. The program assists (primarily 11th graders) to prepare for work place looking for job shadowing. Peter would like to do more; Windsor's schools passed school climate plan – what school district will do school climate surveys, parents, teaching staff, employee survey with help of state dept to determine needs of students drive individual school climate plans for every school
- F. Recreation Services – WIBL – completed their registration on 1/7/2012. Very professional, Debbie is very busy with RISE elementary/middle school developing new curriculum to meet state standards; Mary Liz hosting After School universe NASA program YALE contacted us; Winter swimming is coming, Extravaganza is coming
- G. Police Department – Project Graduation contact info. Officer is back in HS and they taught all civic classes; Officers are working with the Human Relations Commission on Anti Bullying campaigns. The Chief of Police is in contact with Lisa Marie Boccia from Town Council to assist with the High School Action Club. They want to promote all the isms of the world. The GSA Club and HOPE Club also contacted the

Human Relations Commission. They are now working with Diane McDougal. Cassie sits on the Action Club. Bridges prejudice reduction & Camp Any town (after hours NCCJ program) – Bridges pending for February looking for 25 student and 3 adults and 1 officer. 2 meetings scheduled with PTSA and PTO meetings Police will attend. Officer TK, McKee and Ann MacAdams all trained 2 offers UCONN and Enfield bring families that will need this.

7. Round Table – (5 minutes)

Commissioner Novak - Building \$3.2 million HS Auditorium requires referendum target date for opening is 12/2012;

Commissioner Bonnie Waterhouse – We would like to develop Best practices of the Youth Commission. This would like include when documents and information are due. We are updating our contact list. Mary-Liz will share the freedom information form with the new commissioners. Commissioner Novak mentioned that there is a special packet for the chairperson of the commission which includes the conflict of interest agreement. Commissioner Owens will contact the Town Manager's office for this packet.

Commissioner Barlow - 26 art students from Windsor HS have their art displayed at the Windsor Historical Society. The show opens 1/5/2012 from 5-7pm. Admission is free and there is a public reception.

Jody Lefkowitz - New superintendent starts February 1st. The transition between old and new superintendent occurs 1st week of February

8. Adjournment – 8:45