

## **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes

October 20, 2007

**Members Present:** Kate Camacho, Kyra Daniel, Justin Alderman, Jessie Ammons, Krista Pimentel, Gabriel Lopez, Felicia Fotsch, Brandon Jackson, and Commissioner Velma Boyd-Lawson.

**Members Absent:** Darnesha Adams.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Jessie Ammons called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Jessie Ammons made a motion to approve the minutes. Kate Camacho second the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

### **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Jessie Ammons asked if all members had considered having Face Book. This is a web based program for teenagers to post information. Five members stated that they have the program and can receive information. Ms. Ammons and Kate Camacho talked about the procedures to set up your own site. Several members will not be able to set up individual sites.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The first item of business was a report from each of the sub-committees for the kick-off event:

1) Place/Time- Justin Alderman and Darnesha Adams. Justin Alderman said that the place and time have been set: Saturday, January 12 from 8 - 11 p.m. at the Wake Forest Community House.

2) Goodie Bags/Sponsors - Kate Camacho and Krista Pimentel. Krista Pimentel said that she had looked at some of the books at the Parks & Recreation office where you can order give-away stuff. There are pens, key chains, etc that could be ordered for the kick-off. Kate Camacho said that Chic-fil-A and Thomas Walters had committed to provide some type of sponsorship.

3) T-Shirts/Logo - Brandon Jackson and Jessie Ammons. Ms. Ammons passed around the two logo designs done for the Town. The group discussed which they liked and settled on a combination of the two. Ms. Simpson will have the logo redesigned and come back at the November meeting with hopefully the final product. Brandon Jackson said that he had found a t-shirt company that would charge around \$12-15 dollars per shirt depending on logo and colors. Commissioner Boyd-Lawson and Ms. Simpson both stated they have companies that can be contacted to give prices. The group decided on white shirts with the logo colors shown.

4) Activities/Events - Kyra Daniel, Gabriel Lopez, and Felicia Fotsch. Kyra Daniel talked about face painting, refreshments, an information booth, and prizes with a raffle. After some discussion the group decided to drop the face painting and do that at another event. They talked about a survey to gain interest. Filling out the survey would give those present a chance at the drawings for prizes. Each member will come to the November meeting with several questions for the survey. Ms. Simpson suggested that during music breaks, the group could use the time to promote the survey and to tell the Youth Advisory Board's purpose. They could do poems, skits, or other fun things. The members asked about passing out flyers at their schools before the event. Ms. Simpson said that she would get with Bill Crabtree and bring a draft to the next meeting.

The next item of business was a discussion of the contribution letter for the event. Several members suggested minor changes which will be incorporated and Ms. Simpson will have copies for everyone at the November meeting.

The last item for discussion was the Youth Summit. The summit was sponsored by the NC League of Municipalities in Fayetteville on October 13. Those attending were: Krista Pimentel, Gabriel Lopez, Kyra Daniel, Felicia Fotsch, Darnesha Adams, and Commissioner Boyd-Lawson. The topic was: "Diversity, Tolerance and Acceptance." Over 130 youth went to the workshop from across the state. There were three different workshops: a writing one on Diversity; one on gangs, and one discussing the definitions of diversity. Krista Pimentel said that she enjoyed the writing one and the games that were played. Felicia Fotsch enjoyed the two with the N.C. State professor and the gang workshop. Kyra Daniel enjoyed the one on gangs and the use of language arts. Gabriel Lopez said that the environment was great, the games and activities were fun and informative, and she particularly enjoyed the rap group. Commissioner Boyd-Lawson said that the group that went were a great group and she enjoyed the day. She said the things she thought were important to take away from the summit were: "even though we are all different, we are all alike! We have to learn to understand each other!" She also brought Ms. Simpson some information on youth groups and grants available to them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Simpson encouraged the board to begin to think about whether they want to be involved in current community events such as **Meet in the Street, Good Neighbor Day, Autumn Arts Festival, and others**. Ms. Simpson said that they may want to sponsor events dealing with youth issues: drunk driving, diversity, college preparation, job fair, etc. They may want to sponsor one a quarter, or a Youth Summit.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Jessie Ammons, Chairperson