

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

October 18, 2008

Members Present: Davis Allen, Kyra Daniel, Kianna Daniel, Felicia Fotsch, Caroline Jordan, Gabriel Lopez, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

Members Absent: Christopher Dall, Megan Levy, and Darnesha Adams

Staff Present: Susan Simpson

Guests: Logan Harris
Gary Harris

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kyra Daniel at 9:06 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION: Kianna Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes. Felicia Fotsch seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Kyra Daniel asked that a discussion of the centennial brick pavers be added to the agenda.

This will be under New Business, item 6a.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of business was a discussion of the projects for the coming year. The group talked about the two centennial projects that Kara Louise had mentioned at the October meeting. All of the group felt like the centennial cut-outs at First Light and them walking in the Christmas Parade giving out candy was something they wanted to participate in. Kyra Daniel and Felicia Fotsch mentioned the sporting competition similar to the Olympic games. Some thought it would be a good idea from bringing schools together for a fun day and from the health and obesity awareness that could be incorporated. Other members thought that the competition would only further divide the schools. Gabriel Lopez stated that the board should be promoting unity and helping kids in this community. She would like to see the board support the Inter-faith Food Shuttle's backpack program. It sends food home to needy youngsters via a backpack for the weekend. Davis Allen mentioned that the centennial stuff would not be a lot of work for the board, but did want to support it. He would like the board to consider one additional event. He and Caroline Jordan talked about how hard it is to get high school students to show up at events. Ms. Jordan and Felicia Fotsch said that maybe the board should consider targeting younger (elementary and middle school) children. The sporting event was mentioned again.

Commissioner Stinnett said that an Olympic type event would take a lot of work and volunteers to run the competitions. She wanted the group to seriously think about how much work that type of event would require. Ms. Simpson suggested that they think about an event for the spring. Something that could incorporate the drunk driving course, health and obesity, and a workshop

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on college applications. They could have the event at Flaherty or the Community House. Davis Allen mentioned that Flaherty is too far out and that he thought the Community House would be a better location. He thought something like a Fair day with booths and activities would be good. Gabriel Lopez mentioned prizes and a raffle to help attract high school students to the event. Several mentioned I-pods, MP3 players, and gift cards as possible give-aways. Ms. Simpson said that she felt the group definitely wanted to participate in the centennial events. She asked the group to make a motion on this and then in November to tie down the spring event. At that point, committees could be formed to begin work. Gabriel Lopez made a motion for YAB to participate in the Christmas parade and the First Light (cut-outs). Kianna Daniel seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Kyra Daniel reminded the group to bring their costume for the Christmas parade to the November meeting for approval by Kara Louise.

The next item of business was a report on the Youth Summit in Charlotte. Kyra Daniel said that it was a great day. Discussion on gangs, and cyberspace were the main topics. Gabriel Lopez, Felicia Fotsch and Caroline Jordan all said that they enjoyed the days events. Several mentioned the ride on the light rail system. Commissioner Stinnett asked all those that attended (if they could) to come to the Town Board work session on Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. to share their experience with the Board. They could select one or two to speak, but all be there for support.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyra Daniel asked the group to consider buying a brick paver to be placed in the plaza at the new Town Hall. The pavers are \$100 and can have three lines of engraving. She suggested that each member contribute \$10 and that the brick could say: Youth Advisory Board on one line and 2008-2009 on the second. Everyone was in full support of the idea. Kyra Daniel made a motion to buy a brick and for each member to contribute \$10. Gabriel Lopez seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Gabriel Lopez passed out a Walk to Prevent Suicide flyer for information. She encouraged any member to support the cause.

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Ms. Simpson passed out some information on the HOPE program and talked about several charities in Wake Forest that the group could support with the funds they raise from the First Light cut-out program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Kyra Daniel, Vice-Chairperson