

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

May 17, 2008

Members Present: Jessie Ammons, Justin Alderman, Kate Camacho, Krista Pimentel, Felicia Fotsch, Kyra Daniel, Gabriel Lopez, Darnesha Adams, Brandon Jackson, Commissioner Margaret Stinnett, and Mayor Vivian Jones.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Simpson

Guest: Lindsey Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

ACTION: Gabriel Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes. Kyra Daniel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Gabriel Lopez asked that the following two items be added to the agenda. They will be under New Business - 6 c. Festival Park and 6 d. Youth Center..

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairman Jessie Ammons gave no report.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of business was a re-cap of the Drunk Driving workshop held on May 4 at the Meet in the Street festival. All the members stated that the obstacle course offered by the Police department was a big hit. Brandon Jackson and Darnesha Adams said they had a lot of fun at the event. All echoed that their hope was that youth learned that they shouldn't drink and drive. Gabriel Lopez said that she enjoyed talking to Dr. Newman, and that one youth told her that he was not going to attend a "drinking" party after coming to the workshop. Mayor Vivian Jones said that it was a good workshop and she believes students got the message. Jessie Ammons said that a more central location would be better, but the booths were good. SafePlace enjoyed being at the workshop and hope to train more volunteers and open up two additional locations. All agreed that speakers at this type of event is not feasible.

The next item of business was writing "thank you" notes to those who volunteered for the day - SAVE, SADD, SafePlace, Dr. Newman, Wake Forest Chamber, and Wake Forest Police. Department. Six members volunteered to stay at the conclusion of the meeting to write these.

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NEW BUSINESS

The first item of business was a review of the annual report that the board needs to submit to the Town Board in August. Ms. Simpson prepared the report for the board's approval. Brandon Jackson made a motion to accept the report and to submit to the Town Board in August. Justin Alderman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stinnett presented the seniors with a gift for their service to the board. Jessie Ammons, Kate Camacho, Krista Pimentel, and Justin Alderman graduate from Wake Forest-Rolesville High and Brandon Jackson from Southeast Raleigh Magnet. The gift was a clock with the YAB logo. The logo was designed by member Brandon Jackson.

Gabriel Lopez mentioned to the group that Bob & Elizabeth Johnson were planning on sponsoring concerts, performances, etc. starting June 6 and running for 20 Friday nights. The events, called "Festival Fridays" will feature all sorts of entertainment. The contact for performers is Mark Skinner and students can also volunteer to work at the events.

Ms. Lopez also mentioned that the Johnson's were thinking of using the warehouse as a Youth Center if their was interest. Members who have any ideas about this should contact her. The board could possibly have some events there in the future.

Darnesha Adams mention the possibility of a “movie” night. Ms. Simpson stated that she had some information on this and would share with the newly appointed group.

Mayor Jones said that she would like to hear from the seniors as to there impressions of the board and any suggestions for the future. **Brandon Jackson** said that the forum to establish the board was good and that a group did get appointed. He enjoyed the events the board sponsored. He thanked the Mayor for allowing the youth to have a voice in their community. **Justin Alderman** said that the board had set a good foundation for other boards to follow. He believed that it is touching young peoples lives and hopes the boards to come will keep up the good work. **Jessie Ammons** stated that it was a good learning experience and that she thought it was incredible what the board had accomplished in there 10 months. Her suggestions were to pursue the movie night idea and to possibly host a “college application” workshop. **Kate Camacho** agreed that the board has laid a strong foundation. She wishes that the board were better known in the schools and that the word gets out more about this board. **Krista Pimentel** thanked the Town for the opportunity. She said that starting from scratch, the board had done a great deal. She felt she had matured and the opportunities would help those coming on the board

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in the future. Her suggestion was to somehow improve communication between members. **Mayor Jones** talked about how the idea of a Youth board came about and that this has been a learning process for all involved. This group of students has been great and has set the foundation for boards in the future. She told each of them how proud she was of them and she hoped they would stay in touch. **Ms. Simpson** said that it had been a pleasure to work with the group. **Commissioner Stinnett** echoed all the sentiments previously expressed. **Felicia Fotsch** asked if she could make a few comments. She said that she was the youngest member and that each of the seniors had been a role model for her this year. She said that each has gifts and that she learned from each of them. The first group will always be special and she is glad she was a part of it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Jessie Ammons, Chairperson