



YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

August 21, 2010

Members Present: Holden McLemore, Cameron Jennings, Felicia Fotsch, Scottlin Davis, Katie Davis, Paige Iapalucci, Caroline Jordan, Atoure Jones, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

Members Absent: Kiana Daniel.

Staff Present: Susan Simpson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Staff Liaison Susan Simpson @ 9:07 a.m.

MINUTES

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Simpson welcomed each member to the 4th year of the Youth Advisory Board. She encouraged each member to become involved, to speak up and take part. Commissioner Stinnett welcomed all the members and said that she looked forward to working with each of them. If she can ever be of service, they can call her. All the members introduced themselves and told what school they attend and grade and school and community activities they are involved in. The returning members shared past experiences that the board was involved in that made an impression such as the Centennial Gala and the Youth Summits.

GROUND RULES/ PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES

Ms. Simpson went over a list of ground rules for the board to follow during the nine months they are together. This information was sent to the members in their agenda packets for earlier review. All the members agreed to follow the rules. Next Ms. Simpson mentioned the officers to be elected at the September meeting and the role of each. She talked briefly about parliamentary procedures and things that need to be followed because they are an appointed board of the Town Board.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of business was a review of the meeting schedule. Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month from August through May at 9 a.m. each morning at the Flaherty Park Community Center. Ms. Simpson asked each member to send her an email if they could not attend any meeting.

The board will need to elect officers for the coming year. A Chair and Vice-Chair serve a year term. Elections will be held in September and any member interested in running for one of these two offices needs to send Ms. Simpson an email and a brief statement as to why they want to hold that office. The deadline for submittals is September 13.

The next item of business was a discussion of the annual Youth Summit. It is sponsored by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. It will be on Saturday, October 23 from 1-5:30 p.m. The summit is in Winston-Salem this year at the Benton Convention Center. Felicia Fotsch, Holden McLemore and Caroline Jordan each shared with the new members some of their experiences attending the summits. Ms. Simpson will need to know who is attending by the September meeting. The Town will pay for the \$35 registration fee. Holden McLemore asked what time we would need to leave that morning. Ms. Simpson said probably around 9:30 a.m. Registration starts at noon and then sessions at 1 p.m. We would want to stop somewhere for lunch since it is not furnished this year.

The last item of business was a brainstorming session for projects, events that the board could participate in. Commissioner Stinnett encouraged each member to attend the Town Hall Grand Opening. It is slated for Friday, September 10. Several members mentioned that is a football night and they would not be able to attend. Several members asked about getting a tour later on of the new Town Hall. Ms. Simpson said that she will schedule one of our meetings there and give a tour afterwards. She mentioned several events throughout the year that each member should try and participate in. There are as follows: the Youth Summit; the Advisory dinner for all boards hosted by the Mayor; the State of the Town address; and attend a Town Board Meeting. Felicia Fotsch and Holden McLemore talked about their experience at the State of the Town address and how much they learned about what the Town had accomplished and what projects were ongoing. Commissioner Stinnett also encouraged the members to attend the Community Christmas Dinner. The Citizen of the Year and the Club of the Year awards are presented at this function. Ms. Simpson asked the group if they had any ideas about an event or project for their term. Caroline Jordan said that she had been going to E. Carroll Joyner Park walking. She loves the park and was especially pleased to have been there for the grand opening. It is such a special place. Her idea was to place trail markers along the three miles of trails at the park. Holden McLemore said that he liked that idea and wanted to know if the board would need to raise funds for the project. Ms. Simpson said that the Town would pay for this but that the group could suggest what the markers would look like, how to install them, and give suggestions about a large kiosk to serve as an information board. Holden McLemore asked about being a part of the "First Light" celebration? Commissioner Stinnett informed the group that this did not get funded in the budget this year. The Town Board had hoped that an outside group would pick this celebration up and raise the funds and plan it. That has not happened. Commissioner Stinnett mentioned that if the board participated in the summit, advisory dinner, State of the Town address, attend a board meeting, come to our regular meetings, the Christmas dinner, and do the trail markers at Joyner park; then that was probably enough for the next nine months.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Chairperson