

## **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Minutes**

**October 17, 2009**

**Members Present:** Felicia Fotsch, Caroline Jordan, Gabriel Lopez, Holden McLemore, Kyra Daniel, Kiana Daniel, Toyosi Oyelowo, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

**Members Absent:** Darnesha Adams and Austin Moorman.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

**Guests:** Kara Louise, Centennial Coordinator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kyra Daniel at 9:05 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

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

#### **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Simpson reminded the group about the Youth Summit scheduled in conjunction with the League of Municipalities in Greenville, North Carolina. The event is Saturday, October 24 and the following members signed up to attend: Kyra Daniel, Kiana Daniel, Darnesha Adams, Felecia Fotsch, and Holden McLemore. Ms. Simpson and Commissioner Stinnett will be attending with the group. Ms. Simpson stated that she had rented a van and the group would be departing from Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. The summit is from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. so we will probably arrive back at Town Hall around 6 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and breakfast is provided. Sessions start at 10 a.m. Some of the topics include: Strengthening Leadership for Youth and Power of a Promise (Why Youth Matter?). Ms. Simpson reminded the group that the dress is business casual and to wear comfortable shoes.

Felicia Fotsch said that she was sorry to have missed the E. Carroll Joyner Park grand opening. Ms. Simpson stated that it was a wonderful day and thanked Caroline Jordan and Austin Moorman for helping with the event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new business was a presentation by Kara Louise, the Town's Centennial Coordinator. Ms. Louise informed the board of the last Centennial event which is a Gala on Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the new Town Hall plaza on Brooks Street. This will be a semi-formal event with food from various restaurants downtown. Tuxedo Junction is scheduled to perform. Brad Miller will be on hand to present a resolution to the Mayor and Steve Daniels will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Kara Louise thanked the group for their participation in the past with centennial events and asked if they would be interested in helping with this event. She listed several options members could help with:

Option 1 - Help assemble decorations at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday night and then assist in setting them in place Saturday morning.

Option 2 - Coat check the night of the event.

Option 3- Help bus tables the night of the event.

Ms. Louise also informed the group that awards will be presented at the Gala too – Citizen of the Year, Club of the Year, and the Peggy Allen Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioner Stinnett asked Ms. Louise if this event was taking the place of the Community Christmas Dinner? Ms. Louise stated that it is just this year. Tickets to the event go on sale Monday and are \$25. They will be sold at Town Hall, The Chamber of Commerce, and on line. Ms. Simpson thanked Ms. Louise for coming and said that the group would discuss ways to be involved and let her know something soon.

After Ms. Louise left members discussed the options and volunteered as follows:  
Option 1 – Holden McLemore, Gabriel Lopez, and Felicia Fotsch. Option 2 – Toyosi Oyelowo, Caroline Jordan, Kyra Daniel, Kiana Daniel, Felicia Fotsch, and Holden McLemore. Option 3 – Toyosi Oyelowo, and Holden McLemore depending on if they can work an early shift with Option 2. Ms. Simpson will send this information to Ms. Louise.

The last item of business was a follow-up discussion on events for YAB to sponsor or participate in during the year. Several members reminded the group if they wanted to help with the Suicide Walk and Festival on November 13 and 14 to let Kyra Daniel know and she will forward to the appropriate person. Kyra Daniel mentioned that members had researched a possible event on Genocide and could not relate it back to youth in Wake Forest, so members felt that another activity would be more appropriate. Ms. Simpson discussed a possible concert in the park at the new Joyner Park amphitheater. They might work in conjunction with the Cultural Arts Association for their Six Sundays in Spring event. Felicia Fotsch said that there was a great band that played last year at Herb Fest that drew a large high school crowd. Commissioner Stinnett mentioned a group that played at the Boys & Girls Club for an event. Kiana Daniel suggested a possible Dance-a-thon. The group could possibly raise money for a charity. Toyosi Oyelowo stated that several smaller events maybe centered around the holidays could help get the word out about the Youth Advisory Board and its mission. She suggested a movie night or a Fair or Pep Rally. Ms. Simpson stated that there are companies that sponsor movies and that maybe they could host one at the Community House and serve popcorn and sodas. She challenged the group to decide on one other event that they want to participate/host in the spring of next year by the November meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Simpson, Secretary

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Kyra Daniel, Chairperson