

**City of Dade City Youth Advisory Council
April 13, 2009**

MINUTES

Roll Call: (Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.)

Delegates Present: Peter Hernandez, Jonathan West, Jon Agnello, Andrew Riddaugh, Keira Green and Jose Amateco

Delegates Absent: Nicholette Clark

Members Present: Tyrone Lovett and Renika Jones

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Due to a malfunction with the City's recording device, Mrs. Hernandez verbalized previous minutes and gave a recap of the Youth Council's first year of activities.

New Business

Book Fundraiser

Mr. Wendell Spears is working on a book who's character is a boy with magical powers living in a small town. Mr. Spears is looking for people to help him in raising money to publish the book. Academy at the Farm may be assisting him with the book cover. Mrs. Hernandez will ask Mr. Spears to be present at the next meeting with a summary of the book with him. Delegates and members will need to decide whether or not they want to pursue this project. This will be placed on the May agenda.

Soap Box Derby

Chairman Hernandez advised that the project date for the derby is Saturday, September 26, 2009. It was a delegate consensus that this date is acceptable. It was suggested that race car driver David Ruttiman who lives in Zephyrhills be contacted for a major sponsorship. Jonathan West suggested the derby could be named the Ruttiman Classic.

Saint Leo University has given permission to use the service road for the derby and after the event the Council could use the lakeside area for barbeque/picnic purposes and it also a volleyball area, if they wish.

Mrs. Hernandez shared that she had found a new website with less expensive soap box cars that may be more 'sellable' to business owners for sponsorship.

The Council will submit the name of 5 business, churches and/or organization names for possible sponsorship for a soap box car, at the next meeting.

Movie in the Park

Mrs. Hernandez issued Movie in the Park flyers for the Council to distribute. She further advised that The Laker will be doing the flyers for the next year, but only the graphics. It will be up to the Council to find someone to print them. The City will sometimes do the printing and Mrs. Hernandez will be approaching Tampa Type and others to possibly do the printing sometimes. The Laker will also do the advertising for the movies. Advertising will be a quarter page color ad, 2 weeks before the movie and a small ad the Wednesday before the movie.

Mrs. Hernandez advised she had spoken with the City Manager about the possibility of a kiosk in Agnes Lamb Park which would list all the movies and movie information. She shared that it costs the Council \$45 each month to change wording on the banner.

Other suggestions were made as now to advertise the movie events such as one banner listing all the movies and even put all the events on our website. Use a generic banner announcing the movies and times and then directing people to our website.

It was a consensus to do a generic banner announcing "Free Movie in the Park the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 pm

Establishing a Date and Time for Youth Council meetings

Chairman Hernandez asked for suggestions for meeting dates and times. A consensus by the Council decided that the meetings will be at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. A reminder will be sent to delegates and members reminding them of the time and date. This is on a trial basis.

Closing of the Gallery and Gathering Place

The Gallery and Gathering Place was a great success. All funds coming through the Gallery and Gathering Place went directly to the Youth Council. The building owner paid the water and electric bills. Mrs. Hernandez asked that members keep this type project in mind in case the Council could do this again around the holidays this year, either in the same building or at another location. As of March 31, 2009 this project was officially closed.

The council made \$1,318 from these projects.

Steeplechase Parade and Barbeque

Chairman Hernandez shared that the council did a really good job on the parade and an excellent job on the barbeque and members deserved to give themselves a pat on the back. And for having only two weeks to put together the parade and for the amount of entries received the council did a fantastic job. Chairman Hernandez expects a bigger and better parade and barbeque next year. Chairman Hernandez commended all members on the excellent job they did.

Mrs. Hernandez shared that next year the council may want to consider charging a small entry fee for the parade. She advised that after paying Mr. Oberhaus, the council made \$600 on the barbeque.

It was also suggested that next year we call the event a 'cook out' and not a barbeque (as there actually wasn't any barbeque there.)

Old Business

Presentation to the City Commission

Chairman Hernandez will be making the quarterly presentation before the City Commission on April 14th. This is a report on the Movie in the Park, barbeque, parade and other happenings.

The next report is due in July.

Movie Selection – June through December

Mrs. Hernandez shared that there would not be port-a-lets at the movie events unless there is a really special event. Brandon Home Theater technicians will no longer be at the event; City personnel will now be doing the movies which will be another cost savings for the council. And, as there will no longer be monthly banners, this will save an additional \$45 per month. During this past year, even with funds raised, the council is operating in the negative. Mrs. Hernandez will ask that line items for the Youth Council be placed in the City's budget for 2009/2010.

(Break in tape)

Mrs. Hernandez suggested the Council find a sponsor to cover the cost of the movie each month, and thought perhaps the Rotary Club might assist. The movies will continue on a monthly basis and an effort will be made to continue to cut expenses and look for other revenue sources for assistance

Approved movies at present are:

April	The Incredible Hulk
May	Wall-E
June	RV (held over from rain out)
July	Bedtime Stories
August	The Bee Movie (also the back pack give away)
September	Cars or Fast and the Furious
October	Kung Fu Panda

Board Member Discussion of Other Topics

Chairman Hernandez inquired about the lighting in Price Park. Commissioner Hernandez shared that City has hoping to receive grant money to help with renovation, but hasn't yet spoken with Mr. Poe. Mrs. Hernandez believes that the Council may be able to make as much as \$1500 next year on the parade/barbeque. She further stated the security lighting would run approximately \$500-\$600. But the Council will need to vote to use the money for this purpose prior to anything being done with the money. The vote could possibly be done at the meeting in May.

Chairman Hernandez reminded everyone they need to log in on the Community Service book to receive credit.

Tyrone Lovett – Advised that last Saturday there was a fundraiser through Sunrise for cancer research. It was also suggested that the Youth Council might want to do a cancer fundraiser by doing walking laps and getting sponsors to donate so much money for however many laps anyone walks.

The Council briefly discussed the restrooms at Price Park.

Comments from the Audience

None

Comments and thoughts from Commissioner Hernandez

Saturday, May 16th the Suncoast League of Cities is having the teen council day at the St. Pete Yacht Club. This is the 3rd Saturday of the month. Mrs. Hernandez needs to know in a couple of days who wants to attend. Andrew and Tyrone expressed an interest in attending. Others will let Mrs. Hernandez know later. John briefly explained some of the activities available during the Florida League of Cities last August.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

May 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:
Joy McKinney
May 14, 2009*