

**City of Dade City Youth Advisory Council
June 15, 2009**

MINUTES

Roll Call: (Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.)

Delegates Present: Nichollette Clark, John Agnello, Keira Green, Jose Amateco and Peter Hernandez

Delegates Absent: Andrew Riddaugh and Jonathan West

Members Present: Tyrone Lovett

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nicholette Clark and John Agnello noted that their names were misspelled as well as Mr. Reutimann's name. Corrections were noted and John Agnello moved to approve the minutes. Keira Green seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

New Business

August Movie in the Park and Backpack Give-a-Away

The Council will determine at the July meeting how the backpacks will be distributed at the Bee Movie. The Council discussed several different ideas of how to hand them out. The backpack give a way will be added to the August flyers and also in the Laker newspaper ad.

Youth Council Applications

Jose Amateco will become a member-at-large or a mentor since he has graduated. Andrew Riddaugh is the only delegate, after August 31, who is still on the council. Mrs. Hernandez has new YC applications to hand out if delegates know anyone who qualifies. New applicants will be interviewed by commissioners and the selected ones will then be appointed. Jonathan West, John Agnello, Peter Hernandez, Nicholette Clark, and Keira Green are eligible to be reappointed to a new term but this application isn't appropriate for reappointments. A new reappointment application will be created.

Old Business

Expression Wall Guidelines

Chairman Hernandez shared that the City is moving forward with the Expression Wall and construction should begin soon. Mrs. Hernandez reminded the Council that they need guideline for use of the wall. Delegates suggested no vulgar language, no anatomy drawings and to re-paint the wall once a month or as needed; only use paint on the wall – no tape, props, nothing hanging off the wall, etc. These suggestions will be passed to Chief Velboom and Officer Diaz.

Mrs. Hernandez will check on obtaining out-dated or wrongly mixed paints that may be available.

Price Park Survey Questions

Would you like to see a walking path around the park?

Would you like to see a mini water park?

Would you like to see the racquet ball courts down?

When do you use the park most?

Mrs. Hernandez encouraged delegates to go to the park, in pairs, and do a small survey of park goers as to what they would like to see in the park or what they think should be removed. Mrs. Hernandez will contact Chief Velboom for good times to survey in the park. She will set a date and times for the delegates, that way the police department will know delegates are in the park and why, and bring this information back to the next meeting.

Wendell Spear Book Project

Jonathan West read parts of the book and shared with Mrs. Hernandez that he thought it was a good idea. Mr. Spear is asking the Council to assist him with fundraising projects to help publish his book. While the Council would like to help Mr. Spear they do not wish to set a precedent where others will be coming for similar assistance and take away from the Council doing things for the community.

John Agnello made a motion that Mr. Spear may use Youth Council events as a form of advertising and promoting his book but he will need to publish the book himself. Keira Green seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Soap Box Derby

Chairman Hernandez advised that the Council was having difficulty raising money for the Derby due to the economy. He advised that the project may be revisited when the NASCAR season is finished. He further advised that we are still trying to get Mr. Reutimann to attend the event. Mrs. Hernandez shared that if the Council sponsored the Derby alone it would cost between \$8000. - \$10000. The feasible way would be to have businesses sponsor the cars. With the economy at such a low, sponsorship will be hard to find as so many are already sponsoring Movie in the Park. She further shared that Jonathan West has a contact that is a sports agent who knows Mr. Reutimann. The gentlemen was excited about the Soap Box Derby Reutimann Classic idea and volunteered to speak with Mr. Reutimann about sponsoring the Derby. The Council asked Mrs. Hernandez to follow up with this contact.

Florida League of Cities August Conference

The conference is August 14, 15, and 16th. Chairman Hernandez wanted to know who might be interest in attending. Mrs. Hernandez advised the actual Youth Council part of the conference is Saturday August 15th in Orlando, which is also the date of the backpack give-a-way. This conference is an actual day just for youth councils. Mrs. Hernandez needs to know right away who might want to attend.

Board Member Discussion of Other Topics

Comments from the Audience

Comments and thoughts from Commissioner Hernandez

Mrs. Hernandez encouraged delegates and members to hand out the movie posters showing movies through December, where they would be highly visible.

Mrs. Hernandez advised she may not be at the movie on June 20th and encouraged everyone to be there if at all possible.

Mrs. Hernandez asked for new ideas for food sales during the movies. There were suggestions for Skittles, Air Heads and Starbursts instead of chocolate. Mrs. Hernandez will also approach Mr. Oberhaus about cooking hot dogs again. She will also try to buy brand name sodas when they're on sale.

Mrs. Hernandez again asked the council for names of people who they feel might sponsor a movie.

The Toys for Tots people have approached Mrs. Hernandez to see if they could come to the Movie in the Park in November and ask patrons to bring a toy. The Council agreed this is a good idea. Mrs. Hernandez will bring the Toys for Tots comment to the next meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

July 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

8:10 pm

*Respectfully submitted:
Joy McKinney
June 25, 2009*