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MAYORS'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 24, 2014

Monica Roybal Center

717 Agua Fria

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. New Business:**
 - A. What is the Mayors Youth Advisory Board**
 - B. Officers and Member**
 - C. Bullying Program**
 - D. Discussion Of Youth Meeting**
- 3. Old Business:**
- 4. Discussion items for the next meeting**
- 5. Matters from the Committee**
- 6. Matters from the Floor**
- 7. Adjournment**

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 24, 2014

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Victor Vigil on this date at 4:45 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated a quorum was present for conducting official business as follows:

Members Present:

Manuel Segura
Brianna Trujillo
Brittany Gurule
Jared P. Lucero

Member(s) Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard DeMella, Juvenile Justice Planner
Chris Sanchez, Children and Youth Commission
Victor Vigil, Ortega Teen Center

Others Present:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

NEW BUSINESS

a. What is the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

Mr. Vigil explained what the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is noting that the Board was set up by the Mayor about 8 years ago. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is an advisory board that represents the youth of Santa Fe and their respective schools. The Board comes up with ideas and concepts for youth. Some of the things the Board has done include food drives, changing the parking meters so that organizations could decorate them

as a fundraiser. The Board then determined which non-profit organization would receive the funds that were raised.

Mr. Vigil also explained how a meeting should be run. He noted that the Board needs to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chair.

Mr. Vigil mentioned that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board has a City Council representative, Councilor Carmichael Dominguez. He said himself and Terrie Rodriguez serve as staff liaison for the Board.

Introductions were made.

Chris Sanchez is with the Children and Youth Commission for the City of Santa Fe. He is also the point person for the Mayor on all of his youth and children initiatives.

Mr. Sanchez explained what the Children and Youth Commission does and what issues they focus on. The goal is to help the children in the community with issues like bullying, homelessness, etc.

Richard DeMella is the Juvenile Justice Planner with the City of Santa Fe. He is also the staff liaison for the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board, which receives funding from the State of New Mexico to do alternative to detention programs in our community. He mentioned that Chris Sanchez helps him quite a bit with the issues that the youth are facing.

b. Officers and Members

Mr. Vigil said the previous Mayor's Youth Advisory Board consisted of members who were seniors and therefore they have all left. He explained that they want to get the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board up and running again. He suggested that they hold off on electing a Chairperson today due to the snow storm. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The new Board Members introduced themselves.

Mr. DeMella encouraged the students to commit to the Board and attend the meetings. He explained that business cannot be conducted if there is not a quorum of the Board and this is not fair to the Board or the community.

Mr. Vigil said they also need more members. He asked the Board Members to think of prospective candidates to serve on this Board and to think about whether or not they would like to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

c. Bullying Program

Mr. Sanchez said as he mentioned previously, the Mayor is proactive with the youth issues and one of the main things that is presently going on is the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Program. A kick off was done about three weeks ago and families were brought together throughout all of the schools. They talked about the significant issue of bullying that sometimes goes on without being reported.

Mr. Sanchez said they want to help address the bullying issue but the only way they can address this is by working through the kids. He noted that this is one of the initiatives that the Mayor would like this Board to work on – to bring kids together to start talking about what they see in schools and ways to try to address bullying.

Mr. Sanchez said the Mayor is signed onto the US Conference of Mayors, where Mayors across the United States have joined forces on specific issues of kids and bullying is one of them.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned that they will be having a Quality of Life Initiative on December 5th and 6th on the south side of Santa Fe at Zona Del Sol. He invited the Board Members to attend the Initiative.

He said they would like the Mayor to host a youth forum sometime in January 2015 with all the schools to bring the kids together and give them an opportunity to voice what is happening at the schools and suggest ways that they can address these issues.

Mr. DeMella said the Mayor would like to know what the youth thinks of School Resource Officers-these are armed police officers who would be placed at schools. Do they want it? Are they familiar with it? The City may budget funding for this and the City would like this Board to discuss and debate whether or not they would like to see School Resource Officers in the schools.

Mr. Sanchez said they want to have the voice of the kids on these issues.

Mr. Vigil noted that this Board used to have the Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program and this is similar to the School Resource Officer program.

Mr. DeMella explained that kids should be able to go to school to obtain an education without the fear of being bullied.

Mr. Sanchez noted that New Mexico was ranked 49th in the United States for the well-being of children. New Mexico is at the bottom regarding education, poverty, homelessness, and other things. This is something for the Board to think about and something that the Board can talk about at the next meeting.

d. Discussion of Youth Meeting

Mr. Vigil said the Board can decide when and where to meet. The Board usually meets on the third Thursday of the month starting at 4:45 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Center but have also met at the various schools.

Mr. Vigil said he will be sending emails to the new Board Members regarding all of this. He will also be sending an email regarding the event at Zona del Sol at December 5th and 6th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- 1) Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2) New Mexico being ranked 49th in the United States for well-being of children

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters from the Committee.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

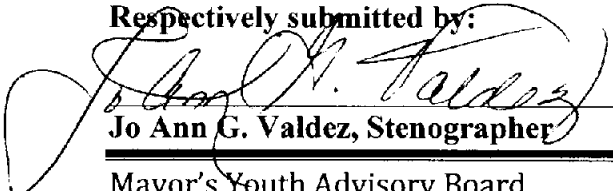
Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved by:



Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Mayor's Youth Advisory Board
Meeting: November 24, 2014