

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 23, 2015 Capital High School, Library 4851 Paseo Del Sol 4:45 – 6:00 pm

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes for November 24 and March 5, 2015
- 4. New Business:
 - A. Convergence Project/Youth Summit question review Ashley Nielsen
 - B. Boys and Girls Club Teen Center Roman Abeyta/Jeremy Perea
 - C. Summer Nights Discussion Victor Vigil

5. Old Business:

- A. Youth Summit Meeting Chris Sanchez Discussion of youth summit, vote on plan and follow up process after summit.
- B. Report from Chair Brittany Gurule
- C. Determination of Youth Projects for 2015 Description and vote on this year's projects.
- D. Members discussion of recruitment
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Santa Fe, New Mexico April 23, 2015

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Brittney Gurule, Chair on this date at 4:52 p.m. at Capital High School, Library, 4851 Paseo Del Sol, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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

Members Present:

Brittany Gurule, Chair Brianna Trujillo, Vice Chair Rudy Flores Amanda Jacobs, arriving later Jared P. Lucero Manuel Segura

Member(s) Absent:

Alicia Trujillo, excused

Staff Present:

Michelle Gurule, Administrative Assistant, Community Services Department Victor Vigil, Ortega Teen Center

Others Present:

Roman Abeyta, Boys and Girls Club Councilor Ron Trujillo Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Briana Trujillo moved to approve the agenda as published. Mr. Segura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 24, 2014 Meeting March 5, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Flores moved to approve the Minutes of the November 24, 2014 and the March 5, 2015 meetings. Mr. Segura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Convergence Project/Youth Summit question review

Ms. Michelle Gurule noted that Ashley Nielson was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

b. Boys & Girls Club Teen Center

Mr. Roman Abeyta thanked the Board for having him on the agenda. Mr. Abeyta is the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe and they asked to be put on the agenda because they are opening a boys and girls club at Zona del Sol. They anticipate that the boys and girls club will be open on June 1st. The plans are to have an all-day summer program Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Once the summer ends, they will have an after-school program until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mr. Abeyta said the Boys & Girls Club will continue to have an after-school program at the Alto Boys & Girls Club. He mentioned that attendance at the Alto Club is steadily declining. Three years ago, the average daily attendance was 110 children; the next year attendance dropped down to 90 children and now attendance is between 70 and 80 children. 60-70% of the children are now coming from the south side of town. This may be due to the fact that more families are moving to the south side of town, and as a result, finding services somewhere else.

However, the Boys & Girls Club have not advertised about the Zona del Sol Boys & Girls Club and they are already at capacity. These are existing members and new members who live on the south side of town. The families that go to the Alto Street Club are now coming from Districts 3 and 4 and are presently being bused there.

Mr. Abeyta explained that they are going to have to decide what to do with the Alto Boys & Girls Club long-term. He noted that this facility is jointly owned by the Boys & Girls Club and the City of Santa Fe.

Mr. Abeyta noted that the Boys & Girls Club have been approached by the Tierra Encantada School, which is now located in the old Alvord School building. They

would like to sublease the Alto Street building to put a middle school there. Tierra Encantada School is also expanding.

Mr. Abeyta said this would work for them because no one is at the Alto building from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 in the afternoon during the school year. He said they need to meet with the City of Santa Fe to see how they can work a sublease with them because their lease with the City of Santa Fe prohibits them from subleasing the property. This would require City Council approval.

Mr. Abeyta said he knows there is a lot of discussion about a teen center for either District 3 or District 4, and based on their experience and information they get from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, teen centers work if you have programming there; things like driver's ed classes and mentor programs. He suggested that the Board think about asking for funding for programming if they request another teen center. Teens need to have an incentive to go to teen centers; have things to do and get some work experience, so when they turn 16 or 17 years of age, they can get employment.

Mr. Abeyta invited the Board to have their next meeting at Zona del Sol so they can tour the facility.

Mr. Abeyta asked if there were any questions.

Chair Gurule thanked him for attending tonight's meeting.

Councilor Trujillo asked if the Boys & Girls Club are going to continue to bus the students, given that most of the students are coming from the south side of town.

Mr. Abeyta said they need to take a look at what the number of attendance will be at the Alto Club. He mentioned that there has been discussions about doing this by districts (the way the schools do).

Mr. Abeyta noted that some of the schools also have after-school programs, like Carlos Gilbert and Atalaya School.

Chair Gurule asked if there were any more questions and there were none.

c. Summer Nights Discussion

Mr. Vigil said there have been discussions about having movie nights at one of the parks and he needs some ideas from the Board as far as what movies they would like to see and when. He noted that the movies have to be rated "PG".

Mr. Vigil asked Councilor Trujillo if he had any ideas about the park he wants to use and how they would go about getting the food trucks/vendors, so they can start working on all of that.

Chair Gurule suggested that there be a movie night sometime in June and see how many teens come, and then if a lot come, they can have another one in the month of July. She asked if the Board Members had any ideas.

Mr. Flores said he knows the kids at his high school like the movies that have action in them.

Mr. Lucero said since a lot of high-school students are involved in sports, maybe they can get sport-related movies. Like the Disney-produced movies such as "McFarland", which is about cross-country; and "The Million Dollar Arm", which is about baseball.

Mr. Vigil asked the Board Members to email him some ideas for the movie types by next week so he can see what it is going to cost and start working on it.

Ms. Michelle Gurule said they would have to get a fee waiver from the City Manager for the park. She also suggested that the Board keep in mind that it is baseball season.

Councilor Trujillo said the best park for movie nights is Ragle Park. There is parking there and access to bathrooms.

Chair Gurule asked how they are going to get the word out.

Mr. Vigil said the Board would have to use social media, like Facebook.

Councilor Trujillo said they can also run an announcement in the Santa Fe New Mexican and Santa Fe Reporter.

Ms. Briana Trujillo asked if this is only open to teens, or are families welcome.

Councilor Trujillo said no, it would not only be open to teens but also open to families. This would be a good opportunity for the kids to spend quality time with their families.

He asked Mr. Vigil if there is still discussion about having a teen night with the Fuego baseball team.

Mr. Vigil said yes.

Chair Gurule said they could also have a fundraiser for this and sell tickets to kids at schools.

Councilor Trujillo said yes, and they can also hand out tickets at the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Abeyta said the kids would love to go to a Fuego game and it would be nice to have a game during the day.

Councilor Trujillo offered to check if there is a possibility of having a game during the day time.

Mr. Abeyta said even if it is for next summer. He said they could bring all the Boys & Girls Clubs, and possibly they can have a concession stand. The proceeds from the sales could go to the Fuego Baseball team.

Mr. Vigil said the kids enrolled in the City's summer programs can go too.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth Summit Meeting – Discussion of Youth Summit, vote on plan and follow-up process after Summit

Ms. Michelle Gurule said she would be taking care of this agenda item for Chris Sanchez. She reported as follows:

- May 1, 2015 Convergence Project in partnership with YouthWorks will host 15-20 kids from Santa Fe who will be working on the Youth Survey Questions.
- The Children and Youth Commission in partnership with the Santa Fe Public Schools and the community providers will release the surveys to the teens to take in either the second or third week of May 2015.
- The Convergence Project will then accumulate, evaluate and report out on the results of the surveys in late June or early July 2015.
- Results will be used to prepare for the Mayor Gonzales' Youth Summit in late fall of 2015.

b. Report from Chair -Brittany Gurule

Chair Gurule said she wants to talk about driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol. She noted that she knows someone who is only 20 years of age and is already doing community service because of a DUI charge. She said this is very sad and she would like the Board to consider having an event where they can talk to the kids about drinking and how bad it is. They can have some kind of DWI program where they can show the kids the effects of drinking.

In response, Councilor Trujillo noted that the City Police Department has an event on the Plaza called "Police Night Out" and possibly they can incorporate this into that event. He suggested that the Police Chief be invited to the next meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Vigil will invite the Police Chief to the next meeting.

Councilor Trujillo mentioned that the Department of Transportation has a lot of information on DWI. He said another problem is texting while driving.

c. Determination of Youth Projects for 2015 – Description and vote on this year's projects

The following suggestions were made for Youth Projects/activities for 2015:

- Pizza on the Plaza competition – People can vote for the best pizza with money and the money can be donated to a non-profit organization.

Councilor Trujillo said this is a great idea but the Board needs to keep in mind that there are logistics involved in having an event on the Plaza.

A suggestion was made to possibly coordinate this with Music Night on the Plaza.

 The Mayor's Youth Board can help with the Zozobra Run that the City does in September.

Mr. Abeyta noted that the Kiwani's Club has approached the Boys & Girls Club about the 5K and 10K race that they are having downtown. They would like some volunteers to help with the races and the Boys & Girls Club will be reaching out to the teens who are involved in cross country, etc.

Mr. Abeyta said they would like to see the youth involved. They need volunteers to man the routes, handout waters to the participants during the race and T-shirts when the race is over.

Mr. Abeyta offered to be the contact person for this event.

- Softball tournaments – possibly the Board could host a softball or volleyball tournament as a fundraiser (possibly at Ragle Park). They could play against a team of City Councilors and possibly coordinate this with the summer leagues that are going on in the summer.

Ms. Brianna Trujillo moved to accept the ideas as noted above. Mr. Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

d. Members discussion of recruitment

Ms. Brianna Trujillo asked how many members the Board could have.

Mr. Vigil said at this point, they can have all alternates from here on out. He asked Mr. Segura to think about someone from Capital High School to fill his position when he graduates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items presented.

MATTERS FROM COUNCILOR TRUJILLO

Councilor Trujillo noted that he gave the Board Members homework a couple of meetings ago. He would like them to come up with ideas or things that the youth would like to see in this community and review these ideas at the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

There were no matters from the Board.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Abeyta thanked the Board Members for serving on the Board and for what they do for the youth in the community.

He said he will make sure that someone from the Boys & Girls Club will attend the meetings on a regular basis so they know what is going on. He requested that they be on the email list so they can receive the agendas and know when the meetings are held.

Mr. Abeyta encouraged the Board Members to register to vote when they turn 18 years of age.

He acknowledged and thanked Councilor Trujillo for his commitment in attending the monthly meetings, and for his support and work he does for the families in this community.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2015 at 4:45 p.m. at Zona del Sol Boys & Girls Club.

Its business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Brittany Gurule Chair

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

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