

### **MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, February 27, 2014 Monica Roybal Center 717 Agua Fria 4:45 – 6:00 pm

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes January 23rd.
- 4. New Business:
  - A. Officers and Members
  - B. Report from Chair
  - C. Presentation from Board Member Brooke
- 5. Old Business:
  - A. Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program
  - **B. School Reform**
  - C. Mayor's Food Drive
- 6. Discussion items for the next meeting
- 7. Matters from the Committee
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### MINUTES OF THE

## CITY OF SANTA FE

## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

## February 27, 2014

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

An informational meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Jimmy Buchanan, Chair at 4:45 p.m. on this date at the Monica Roybal Center, 717 Agua Fria, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicated the lack of the presence of a quorum for conducting official business; therefore an informational meeting was held.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jimmy Buchanan, Chair Brooke Sheldon

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Martin Soto, Vice Chair

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Detective Lisa Ernst, Crimes Against Children Unit, Santa Fe Police Department Chris Sanchez, Children and Youth Commission

### OTHERS PRESENT

Ben Davis, presenter Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to the lack of a quorum, no approval was made to approve the agenda.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 23, 2014

Due to the lack of a quorum, no approval was made to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

## A. Officers and Members

The Board lost the senior members in June of 2013 and the present major activity of the Board is to obtain members.

Chair Buchanan noted that he has had trouble recruiting candidates to fill the Board vacancies.

Mr. Sanchez noted that he spoke to the Superintendent of the Santa Fe Public Schools and one of the things they talked about was the fact that the Mayors Youth Advisory Board has had a difficult time filling the Board vacancies. The Superintendent said there is a potential of doing an elective credit that would go on the transcripts if they serve on the Board.

Chair Buchanan said he will contact Mr. Sanchez to set up a meeting with the Superintendent.

## B. Report from Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

# C. Presentation from Board Member Brooke

Ms. Sheldon introduced Ben Davis.

Mr. Davis spoke about the competitive community low-cost soccer league that they want to create in Santa Fe. He said the idea is to bring the north and south youth together to play soccer after school because these kids do not have anything to do after school. This will also lower delinquency and will get kids engaged in the community.

He explained that there are four different soccer organizations that run soccer programs here in Santa Fe. These teams play soccer on Sundays, usually at the Herb Martinez Park and there are many people who participate.

- Mr. Davis said there are many kids who cannot afford to be part of these programs.
- Mr. Davis noted that they need to seek funding to pay for referees, soccer balls, trophies and basic equipment. He mentioned that they also have to pay for liability insurance.
- Mr. Davis said the initial thought is to have the soccer games at the Salvador Perez Park.
  - Mr. Sanchez asked Mr. Davis if he knew how many kids they can serve.
  - Mr. Davis said about 90 kids.
  - Mr. Sanchez asked about the age ranges.
  - Mr. Davis said there would be kids from 8 years of age to 25 years of age.
- Mr. Sanchez asked Mr. Davis if they are talking about doing a formalized program in terms of becoming a 501-C3 non-profit organization.
  - Mr. Davis said they are under the wing of several 501-C3 organizations.
- Mr. Sanchez informed Mr. Davis about the funding that may be available through the Children and Youth Commission. He explained that the soccer league would have to be a 501-C3 non-profit organization in order to apply for funding through the Children and Youth Commission.
- Mr. Davis said they do have a 501-C3 organization that could serve as their fiscal agent.
- Mr. Sanchez mentioned that the City is doing a lot of work on the south side of town.

He noted that there is a grant that is called the "Reach Grant" that is produced out of La Familia Medical Center. With this funding they are going out and doing advocacy for a healthy community. They have taken one soccer program into Sweeney Elementary and it is an incredible program. There are many kids participating in the after school program.

Mr. Sanchez said he would like to help them build this program because there is a huge need for a program like this. He asked Mr. Davis if he would be willing to partner or collaborate with them. This would fall under the Healthy Lifestyles initiative.

Mr. Davis said yes. He shared stories about kids from around the country who want to be part of the soccer league and want to collaborate with youth projects. He noted that some of these kids already have soccer uniforms but they want to formulize the project.

Mr. Sanchez suggested that Mr. Davis go into the City's website, under the Children and Youth Commission. He said there are two funding documents on the website and he can check to see if they fall under the auspices of the Children and Youth Commission. He noted that his contact information is on the website and Mr. Davis can contact him to discuss this further.

Mr. Sanchez said they polled the kids from the south side of town and there are two things that they asked for —that they would like to see in the community - and they are baseball and soccer. He mentioned that they have what is called the "Quality of Life Initiative" and it is particularly for the south side of Santa Fe. They are presently looking at what the basic needs are for this side of the community.

Mr. Sanchez said he likes Mr. Davis' idea of bringing the north and south side kids together.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

## A. Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program

Detective Lisa Ernst introduced herself. She is with the Crimes against Children Unit of the Santa Fe Police Department.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program was not discussed.

## B. School Reform

This agenda item was also not discussed due to the lack of a quorum.

# C. Mayor's Food Drive

This agenda item was also not discussed due to the lack of a quorum.

# 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Given that there was no quorum present, the following discussion items will be on the agenda for the next meeting:

- 1) Officers and Members
- 2) Report from Chair
- 3) Mayor's Food Drive
- 4) School Reform
- 5) Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program

# 7. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

There were no matters from the Board.

# 8. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the Floor.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Jimmy Buchanan, Chair

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