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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Monica Roybal Youth Center

737 Agua Fria

4:45 – 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
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4. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2011
May 26, 2011
July 28, 2011
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 - B. Election of Officers
6. Old Business:
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 - B. Mentorship Festival
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
Monica Roybal Youth Center
August 25, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, was called to order on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at approximately 4:45 p.m., by Adrian Salazar, Acting Chair, at the Monica Roybal Youth Center, 737 Agua Fria.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrian Salazar
Lauren Buchanan
Martin Soto [alternate]

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vaughn Fortier-Shultz
Kamon Maris Tari
Jordon A. Zoeckler
Eliana Ward-Lev
Isaac Green [alternate]
Faridah Odiya [alternate]
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez – Council Liaison

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Teri Rodriguez, Director, Youth & Family Services
Victor Vigil, Director, Teen Center
Nano Anaya, Teen Center
Alli Valdez, St. Michael's High School
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was not a quorum of the membership in attendance. Acting Chair Salazar opened the meeting for the receiving of reports only, and no action was taken.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28, 2011, May 26, 2011 and July 28, 2011

No action.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. THE NEW BOARD

Ms. Rodriguez said she sent the Board members a write-up which was done by Mr. Vigil about some of the things this Board has done in the past. She said Mr. Vigil did this research in response to whether Santa Fe was a youth-friendly community, and how this Board fit into what the Council wanted to happen, which was to solicit a youth voice. She said Councilor Dominguez was the driving force behind it.

Ms. Rodriguez said they looked at all of the City's Resolutions, and Mr. Vigil wrote up the niche this Board fits. She said she would like the new members to read this as background on the Board.

Acting Chair Salazar said the plan for this meeting was to discuss the Board and officers, but we can't do that because there isn't a quorum.

Ms. Rodriguez noted one of Board positions was a manager/secretary who would send reminders to people who had agreed to do something, noting Caitlan Smith performed this duty previously. Ms. Rodriguez said this worked quite well to keep people updated on the meetings and the topics for the meetings. She said Miss Smith would write things down during the meeting and send out reminders the next week. Ms. Rodriguez would like that position to be filled.

Lauren Buchanan said she would be willing to do that, and asked if that discussion should wait to the next meeting.

Acting Chair Salazar said the Board should wait to take formal action until a quorum is present, but we can discuss positions and who is interested and such.

Responding to a question from Mr. Soto, Ms. Rodriguez said the senior members of the Committee are Vaughn Fortier-Shultz, Lauren Buchanan, Kamon Tari and Caitlin Smith. The new members of the Board are Eliana Ward-Lev, Jordon Zoeckler, and the alternates including Martin Soto.

Mr. Vigil asked if alternates automatically become Board members, or do they stay as alternates.

Ms. Rodriguez said alternates were created because the Board was having difficulty getting quorums, so there are 3 additional members who we hope come to all the meetings, and if there weren't sufficient members for a quorum, the alternate could sit as a regular member and could vote. If there is a full quorum and the alternates are present, the alternates don't have a vote. The alternates can participate in the meeting and discuss, for example, projects they would like to bring forward.

Ms. Rodriguez said she and Victor will put together a stern email to the absent members.

Mr. Soto said there is little that can be done when you email people and they don't reply.

Miss Buchanan would like to move Martin Soto to full membership, because he attends the meetings and this is only fair.

Ms. Rodriguez said she will check with the City Clerk to see how this is done.

The Board discussed the application to be appointed to this Board, and said everyone checked "yes," that they are willing to attend the meetings and participate on the Board, but that hasn't always happened.

Ms. Rodriguez said if they are now unable to serve on this Board, they need to inform her so someone else can be appointed.

Ms. Rodriguez said the City Clerk provided her with the enabling resolution for this Board, which asks for broad representation among schools in Santa Fe. She said there is no requirement for the members to be in school, and asked the members their thoughts about this.

Miss Buchanan said most of what this Board does works through the schools, so having someone on the Board who is not in school would be difficult, and Mr. Soto and Acting Chair Salazar agreed.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was no action.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. WAREHOUSE 21 FUNDRAISER

Ms. Rodriguez noted that she left the items from the previous agenda on this agenda, commenting that the minutes indicate there was quite a discussion on the Warehouse 21 fundraiser at the last meeting.

Acting Chair Salazar said Mr. Fortier-Shultz said it would be easy to do this, but then he sort of "shot it down in the end."

Ms. Rodriguez said this is correct, noting Mr. Fortier Shultz said it would be better to focus on the Mentorship Festival than the Warehouse 21 fundraiser.

B. MENTORSHIP FESTIVAL

Ms. Rodriguez said the issue in getting this off the ground has been the background check for adults. She said Miss Tari will get to a point where she has kids and adults committed, but the adults need to go through a background check. She said Miss Tari had been working with the Boys & Girls Club to do this because they were going to do the background checks for us at little or no cost, but she couldn't contact anyone to do the background checks. As a result she would lose adults and kids which were committed to participate. Ms. Rodriguez noted the background check process is rigorous and takes a lot of time and money.

Mr. Vigil said he will follow up with the Boys and Girls Club on this, and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Miss Buchanan said this has been in the works for about two years, but it has never materialized, and we keep postponing it.

Ms. Rodriguez said Miss Tari got the idea from the successful ones which were done at Monte del Sol, so it has been done.

Mr. Soto asked if there is some way we can speed up the process somewhat, commenting perhaps this is a lot of work for Miss Tari and perhaps other members of the Board could help her.

Acting Chair Salazar said there was a discussion about this when the Board met at the Baking Company. He said different responsibilities were assigned to people at that meeting. He said we could put this on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss whether or not we are going to move forward with the Festival, and if so, we can assign new roles – give everybody something to do. He said hopefully that will speed up the process.

Miss Buchanan believes having a Chair and a Vice Chair will help in this effort.

Mr. Soto agreed, saying we need to get everyone together and discuss what to do.

Acting Chair Salazar agreed with Miss Buchanan that we need to elect a Chair and Vice Chair and then move forward.

Miss Buchanan wondered how we can contact the absent members if they don't respond to email notices. She said she knows people who are eager and willing to serve on the Board, but all of them are students at Prep.

The Board discussed how many absences the Board members have had, noting Eliana has attended two meetings, Jordan has attended one, Faridah has attended one meeting, and the Board has never heard from Isaac.

Responding to a question from the Board, Ms. Rodriguez said the Committee year begins in January when the appointments are made.

Miss Buchanan said there seemed to be an issue in finding representatives from the various schools, however, it is equally important that we find people who are committed to attend and participate.

After further discussion, it was the consensus among the Board that Mr. Vigil and Ms. Rodriguez will draft a letter and send it to all absent Board members, to notify them of their absences, and give them a deadline to respond with regard to whether they want to continue to serve, with notice that three unexcused absences could result in termination from the Board.

Police in Schools – Positive Youth Engagement [PYE].

Miss Buchanan said this program was in Santa Fe High, Santa Fe Prep, but it never got off the ground at St. Michaels.

Acting Chair Salazar said he understands there were issues with the school administration, as well as communication problems between Miss Tari and the police officer for St. Michael's High.

Ms. Rodriguez said Deputy Chief Gillian Alessio attended one of Board meetings. She said she believes we can get the commitment from the administration to establish this program in the schools again this year. She said it is a win-win thing for the Police and for the schools, for the police to have non-threatening interaction with the kids in the school. She said it is important to get the right officer working on this program. She said Officer Butler was great.

Miss Buchanan said they had a lot of success at Prep because of Officer Butler.

Acting Chair Salazar agreed, saying he was great at Santa Fe High, and stayed last year during all three of the lunch periods and talked with people. He said, "It comes down to we need more officers like him basically."

Mr. Soto asked who communicates with the officer about coming to the schools.

Miss Buchanan said last year he went to the schools every other week. She said it was easy to get it done with the schools, noting the Board members work with the respective schools and are in contact with the officer.

Acting Chair Salazar said it is put in the hands of the students to make the contact with the officers and scheduling, when he will come and such.

Mr. Soto said he would like to organize something like that at ATC Academy, and believes there are several students who really would benefit.

Ms. Rodriguez said she will contact Officer Butler to see if he is going to be allowed to do this again, or who will be doing this, and she will send an email to the Board. She will tell him the following schools want to participate: Santa Fe High, ATC Academy and Santa Fe Prep.

The Board discussed other schools that might want to participate: the Master's Program at Santa Fe Community College, Monte del Sol, St. Michaels and Desert Academy. However, there currently are no representatives on the Board from Monte del Sol or Desert Academy.

Acting Chair Salazar said the previous list of participating schools for the PYE Program were Santa Fe High, Capital High, St. Michaels and Santa Fe Prep.

Miss Buchanan said St. Michaels never really worked out.

Ms. Rodriguez, responding to a question from the Board, said the Monte del Sol administration didn't want a policeman on site for various reasons. Ms. Rodriguez said she believes it works quite well for an officer to come on site and interact with the kids. She said the Board Member's responsibility would be to assist the officer, make sure the officer knows where students have lunch, make sure he is introduced – be sure he knows where to go and what to do.

Acting Chair Salazar said we can look at opening the program to schools such as the ATC Academy.

Ms. Rodriguez asked Mr. Soto if he is on the Student Council and Mr. Soto said yes. She asked him to see where this would fit in the Academy schedule.

Mr. Soto said he is having issues with his schedule right now, but once those are resolved, he will work on the PYE program at the Academy.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND CHOOSE NEXT MEETING PLACE

Next Meeting

Mr. Vigil said he would like to develop a one-year meeting schedule, and those in attendance agreed.

Mr. Soto asked if members can bring anyone to a Board meeting.

Ms. Rodriguez said yes, pointing out that all meetings of the Board are public meetings and open to the public.

Miss Buchanan said the Board met at Desert Academy and there were a lot of kids in attendance, even though there was not a member on the Board from Desert Academy. She suggested we talk to Isaac about having a meeting at Desert Academy.

Miss Buchanan suggested we continue meeting on the third Thursday of the month, until we can get the full group together to discuss it.

After discussion, it was the consensus among the members in attendance to hold the next meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, at 4:45 p.m., on September 22, 2011, at Santa Fe Preparatory School.

Food Drive

Ms. Rodriguez noted the 21 Day stickers relating to a project we did with the Food Depo. We collected food at all of the schools. She said Warehouse 21 gave a reward to the school who brought in the most food and the SER Academy won twice.

Miss Buchanan said at Prep they had competition among the different grades for who could bring the most food. She believes we need to develop a different way to rank the schools.

Ms. Rodriguez noted the first year we did this, the school that won the competition won the Warehouse 21 facility, and used it for a fundraiser for the whole school.

The Board discussed participation in the food drive and what would be required, and concluded they would need to start no later than October 1st.

It was the consensus among the members present that a full quorum of the membership, including alternates, is needed to make a decision with regard to participation in the food drive, and to move things forward.

Agenda for next meeting

Acting Chair Salazar would like to move today's agenda items forward to the next meeting, plus any items the other members might like to add.

The Board consensus, with regard to the Mentorship Festival, is that it takes so much time and there are so many factors involved that we can't control, and the Board needs to discuss the efficacy of moving forward with this activity at the next meeting.

New Board Members

Acting Chair Salazar asked if Alli Valdez needs to apply to serve on the Board.

Ms. Rodriguez said there is an application form, and if Miss Valdez is interested she needs to fill out that form and get it to her.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Miss Buchanan said she would like to talk about something around sustainability at a future meeting. She said she has photos from the summer program of all the drawings, noting there were two sites – one here at Monica Roybal and one at Chaparral School.

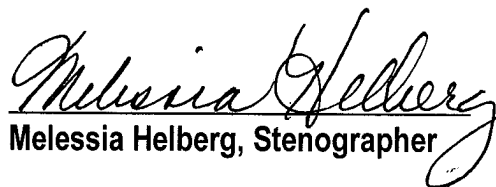
9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Adrian Salazar, Acting Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer