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## MAYORS'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2011

4:45 – 6:00 pm

The Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC)

74 Avan Nu Po Road

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD  
The Academy for Technology and the Classics  
74 Avan Nu Po Road  
December 8, 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, December 8, 2011, at approximately 4:45 p.m., by Lauren Buchanan, Chair, at The Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC), 74 Avan Nu Po Road.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lauren Buchanan, Chair  
Adrian Salazar, Vice-Chair  
Vaughn Fortier-Shultz  
Griffin Merians  
Kamon Maris Tari  
Griffin Merians  
Martin Soto [alternate]  
Isaac Green [alternate]

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Eliana Ward-Lev

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez – Council Liaison  
Faridah Odiyae [alternate]  
Jordon A. Zoeckler

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:**

Teri Rodriguez, Director, Youth & Family Services  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer [for Charmaine Clair]

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Adrian Salazar moved, seconded by Kamon Tari, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21, 2011.**

Mr. Salazar said page 6 of the minutes mention a tax project, and asked what that was, noting it said he volunteered to help with it.

Chair Buchanan said it had to do with the teen center and how it would be funded from the GRTs.

**MOTION:** Vaughn Fortier-Shultz moved, seconded by Adrian Salazar, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2011, as submitted.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice.

*Isaac Green arrived at the meeting*

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Chair Buchanan said this item will be heard when Martin Soto arrives at the meeting.

#### **B. MANDATING HELMETS AT SKI SANTA FE**

Mr. Green said he emailed Peter Wirth and he emailed him back and said Senator Griego would be the person to talk to in this regard because he sponsored such a bill in the last Legislature, although the bill didn't pass last year. He said it probably can't be introduced until the 2013 Legislature, unless we can get it in the Governor's Call during the upcoming 30 day session which is unlikely.

Mr. Green said he did some research and Nova Scotia just adopted a law requiring everyone of any age to wear a helmet. California passed legislation requiring anyone under the age of 17 to wear a helmet while skiing, which was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, but he vetoed another bill which wiped it out.

Officer Butler suggested going directly to the ski runs about this.

Mr. Green said if one ski area adopts it and the others don't, then people will just go to the ones which don't require helmets. He said it really needs to be a state-wide law, unless every ski area around the State agrees to require helmets.

Mr. Green said he will email Senator Griego and report to the Board at the next meeting. He said he will also do research on the teen center as well.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. VOTER REGISTRATION**

Chair Buchanan said she spoke with the County and the City, and there are people who can come to the schools and register voters, and it isn't hard to arrange, noting she asked members of the Board to talk to their school administrators to see if it would be allowed at their school.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said it seems like Santa Fe High would be okay with this, because they do voter registration at school registration. He said he will talk to the person in charge of these kinds of things.

Mr. Green said Desert Academy is okay with it.

Chair Buchanan said it is not necessary to be age 18 at the time you register to vote, but you must be 18 by the time you vote in the 2012 elections.

Ms. Tari said she will speak to her Principal about this.

Mr. Green asked if the schools do its voter registration "individually."

Chair Buchanan said yes, and she will email him the information.

## **B. TEEN CENTER**

Mr. Green said he has not been able to speak with Victor, noting that he really wanted to meet with him in person.

Ms. Rodriguez said plans have been done, noting there was an allocation of funds to do the all of the plans which have been done around the idea of using the old Tino Griego pool for a teen center. She said a good architect worked on this, Harvey Monroe. She said the next step is to get the funding to do this, noting the cost is estimated at \$3-\$4 million. She said there was some funding left over which the City was going to use for the next level of planning. She said to do the next level, we need to get that from the State of New Mexico. She said the lease the City has with the Santa Fe Public Schools is up in 2017. She said they have been working with the people at La Farge Library who are very supportive, and who work hard lobbying at the Legislature. She said it is good for us to align ourselves with the people at the Library, noting they aren't asking for a lot in the renovation of Tino Griego. She said they want a new entrance area on the far side, and to redo the rest rooms. She said it is her understanding that everything is on hold pending a 5-year plan for the Tino Griego space and the La Farge Library space, noting we need to learn the specifics of the 5-year plan.

Chair Buchanan asked Mr. Green if he wants to continue to work on the teen center.

Mr. Green said yes, and Griffin Merians said he will help him.

Mr. Green asked if he still needs to meet with Victor, and Ms. Rodriguez said yes, as well as Library Director Pat Hodapp.

Mr. Green asked if the State is likely to give us a grant, and if that can be done in the upcoming session.

Ms. Rodriguez said it is possible, but she doesn't think this is on the ICIP list for this year.

Officer Nico said he heard we were going to have to "scrap it entirely," and look for a different location. He asked if there is some way the School might extend the lease.

Ms. Rodriguez said what she hears from the schools is that the City will have to pay market rate for the lease or vacate. She said the \$3 million doesn't include the purchase. However, the City owns other land.

Officer Nico said the City owns the College of Santa Fe, although the University is using a large portion of it. He said there is a section between Siringo and St. Michael's where there is a huge indoor gym, and next to it is a building which could be renovated. He said the Police Department used the building for a short time while their headquarters was being renovated. He believes there are buildings not being used by the new Santa Fe University of Art and Design which might be available.

Chair Buchanan asked if the City would be more acceptable to building a new structure, or in the short term using structure already owned by the City — which would be the better idea.

Ms. Rodriguez said it is good to look at both, commenting the City probably would go with whatever is cost-efficient.

Mr. Green asked, "Don't we need money from the City to even look at it, do we need money to get the conceptual."

Ms. Rodriguez said no, because we have gotten to the next level, and we do have architectural plans.

Mr. Green said those plans are for a renovation. He asked if we can "pick up whatever we have and move it wherever we want."

Ms. Rodriguez said she will bring the plans to the next meeting. She said she will ask the Economic Development people about the space Officer Butler is speaking about.

Officer Butler said he is sure the University isn't using all of that space, commenting it is huge.

Mr. Merians said the City probably would like to have the space filled, rather than sitting empty.

Responding to a question from Mr. Green, Ms. Rodriguez asked Mr. Green to contact Victor about this, instead of her, because she is going to be out, noting he will have all the needed information.

## **C. OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS**

Officer Nico Butler said he spoke with the Principal here at ATC last week about coming into the school. He said the schools are fine with this. He said he will randomly hit multiple schools after the holidays, when things will slow down somewhat. He said things will change as the Department gets more officers and budget, and hopefully get better.

Officer Nico said Deputy Chief Alessio probably won't get to attend this evening, because she is at the shooting range qualifying.

Chair Buchanan said Eliana Ward-Lev emailed the Deputy Chief about the Citizen's Academy.

Officer Butler said the Citizen's Academy really doesn't work out, because it is geared toward adults, noting there is too much liability in some of the things they do. He said, however, there other options.

Officer Butler said Mr. Fortier-Shulz mentioned students rights and such, but that is a touchy area. He said Sgt. Bruce Pratz already has a program that deals with students rights and other things.

Chair Buchanan would like Sgt. Pratz to attend the next meeting and present that program, and asked if Miss Ward-Lev should email him.

Office Butler said no, he will just bring him to the next meeting.

*Martin Soto arrived at the meeting*

Officer Butler asked if Miss Ward-Lev was going to set up a meeting with the Deputy Chief, and Chair Buchanan said she doesn't know.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Martin Soto said he did some research, and he thinks the best thing to do would be a kid-oriented thing. He said the closest thing he can compare it with is Warehouse 21, which is supposed to be a kid-oriented thing, but has ended up being a place where most kids don't want to go because it isn't a good place to be. He is trying to find a place near downtown where everyone



can meet. He found a few places, such as the Boys & Girls Club which he will have to call, where teenagers go to hang out. He said the Boys & Girls Club is mostly teenagers with an element of enforcement. He said, for example, he would like to work with the police to work something out where the kids don't feel intimidated when they go and see a lot of police around.

Chair Buchanan said at the last meeting she thought Mr. Soto's idea was to have an event every Friday for teenagers to be involved in. She asked if he is now looking at a space.

Mr. Soto said he thinks things will work well outside during the summer, but he is looking for something to do inside during cold weather, where that would be and how that would work.

*The members of the Board commented and made suggestions as follows:*

- Miss Tari said she disagrees with Mr. Soto's assessment of Warehouse 21. She said a lot of teenagers go there to hang out, many of whom had no place else to go, or have nothing to do. She said you will find unsavory things going on wherever you might go. She said Warehouse 21 is very supportive of this Board, and would be willing to give up its space
- Officer Butler said if a certain kind of kid is there, and you can get a larger group of good teens, they will drive out the bad teens that shouldn't be there, commenting these "bad seeds are everywhere, and there's always going to be someone like that." He said it might be a good idea to try Warehouse 21 for a Friday night organized event for teens. He asked Mr. Soto what kind of event he is thinking about.
- Mr. Soto said it could be music, commenting Warehouse 21 "puts on things" with music using local artists which is really cool. He said it can be almost anything – movies, music, etc.
- Chair Buchanan suggested, rather than concentrating on the location, that Mr. Soto develop events and then that will determine the location. She would like him to come up with tangible events to be done which would be more helpful.
- Mr. Griffin said it would be good if he could also say who would organize and manage the events.

Officer Butler suggested talking to the people who own the train you can take to Lamy and back. He said you might get a discounted rate and if all of the passengers are teenagers it could be a kind of cool thing to do.

Ms. Rodriguez said there are organizations in Santa Fe that provide funds for organizing teen events which are the Boys & Girls, Warehouse 21 and YouthWorks. She said right now YouthWorks is working on a project called Youth Build, which is to teach carpentry and construction-type skills to kids. She said they haven't been in contact as much with YouthWorks because it is gearing up for this program. She said YouthWorks is good at organizing dances and such, and focuses on keeping everybody safe.

- Mr. Soto said the idea is to have a safe event on Friday, so kids know there is a safe place to hang out. He said kids not having anything to do in the evenings contributes to a lot of problems, and he thinks it would be an amazing thing if we could provide a solution for that.
- Chair Buchanan would like Mr. Soto to put one event together that he would really like the Board to undertake.
- Mr. Soto said he will do some surveys to see what the youth community wants, commenting what the community wants is the most important thing.
- Mr. Merians said it would be good to do things in the winter months on a trial basis to see what works and what doesn't, and then try that out when it gets warmer in the summer.

The Board discussed various activities in which participation could be dangerous, and decided to avoid those kinds of activities.

- Mr. Soto said there used to be an event downtown every Friday when kids from all of the schools would meet there, noting it was completely made up of teens and organized by teens. He said everyone would go just to socialize, but the problem was that they were doing other stuff as well and the Police had to shut it down because it had gotten too rowdy. Mr. Soto said if we could add an element of control to something like that, it would be a good thing for kids and could help the community grow.

Officer Butler said the key is, whatever is done, that it should be organized to do something specific.

Mr. Soto said the main problem he has faced in organizing events is to balance control, so people aren't doing bad things, with not intimidating them so much they don't want to be there.

Mr. Soto asked for event suggestions from the Board, and the members made the following suggestions:

- Movies with a big screen on the Plaza.
- Movies at the Railyard always have good attendance, although it is a little cool to do that right now.
- Something at the ice rink at GCCC, such as the turkey bowl at Thanksgiving. We would have to pay for the space, but we would get a break on the cost. They do a lot of creative things at the GCCC.

Mr. Soto said the youth have become "separated," the southside and northside, for example, and he's looking for a place where everyone from all parts of the City can come together and do things together.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a) Student's Rights Program
- b) Helmets at Ski Santa Fe
- c) Police in Schools
- d) Teen Center
- e) Voter Registration
- f) Socials

Chair Buchanan asked members to email her with additional items they feel should be on the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting of this Board will be on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Desert Academy at 4:45 p.m.

*Adrian Salazar departed the meeting*

## **8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

### **a) Food Drive**

Chair Buchanan said the New Mexico School for the Arts won for contributing the most food with 355 pounds, noting a total of 1,313 pounds of food was donated. Chair Buchanan asked Miss

Tari if she would make that announcement at her school, and Miss Tari said she will do so. Isaac Green will make the announcement that Desert Academy was second.

**b) Dance Studio/Dance Mirrors**

Miss Tari said there are no dance studios available for teenagers, although there are at the Chavez Center if you pay an entrance fee. However, it is difficult to get into that space because a lot of people organize their activities there.

Miss Kari spoke with Ana at Warehouse 21 in the summer about putting up dance mirrors, and Ana said she would think about it. She said they could put it upstairs where most plays are done and when the mirrors aren't being used, they can be covered with curtains. However, she doesn't have an answer at this time from Ana. She asked Board members to let her know of other places where we could put the dance mirrors.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said this is a long term project and we can incorporate it into the proposed Teen Center.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if she is talking about portable mirrors, because that would be really difficult.

Miss Tari said she isn't talking about portable mirrors, and said she is looking for a dance space. She would like to be able to advertise the space.

A member suggested perhaps space could be shared with one of the martial arts Dojos.

Ms. Rodriguez said Steve Flores has a martial arts studio, and said she will call him about this.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said he heard Quiggy's has closed and would like confirmation of that.

Ms. Rodriguez said she will check on that and report back to the Board.

**c) Art Festival**

Miss Tari said the Mentorship Festival failed. She would like to suggest doing an Art Festival in the summer outside, where teenagers can sign up and display their art. They could also do culinary and moving images, people can perform and also have visuals. She will report at the

next meeting. She said she needs a lot of help organizing it.

Mr. Merians said we can coordinate with the CCA on back side of the Children's Museum.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said we shouldn't rule out doing an activity at the CCA.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Southside Library has indoor and outdoor space. She said there also is a patio area on lower level in front of the pool at GCCC.

Miss Tari said we need to work out who is going to perform, and the possibility of having more than one stage, so there are multiple things going on.

Mr. Merians suggested using only one stage.

Officer Butler suggested using the Farmer's Market.

Miss Tari said she is thinking of the summer for the festival, and using the Farmer's Market would be really difficult during the summer, and she is thinking about the Railyard Park and Warehouse 21.

After discussion, it was the consensus among the Board that Ms. Tari will first scope out available spaces, and come up with a recommendation(s) for spaces and then set a date for the Festival.

**d) Other**

Miss Tari said she went to the carbon cap protest, which protested the potential repeal of the carbon cap, and it was awesome

Chair Buchanan said the EarthCare group organized it, and she worked on it as well, noting she made the coffins. She will email information to Miss Tari and Mr. Merians Chair with regard to Youth Allies with EarthCare and when it meets.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

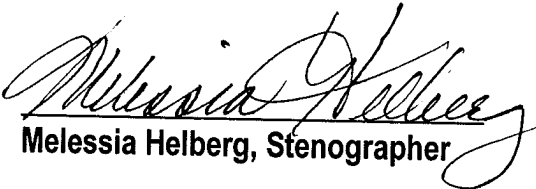
There was no further business to come before the Board.

**MOTION:** Vaughn Fortier-Shultz moved, seconded by Martin Soto, to adjourn the meeting

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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**Lauren Buchanan, Chair**



**Melessia Helberg, Stenographer**