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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Monica Roybal Youth Center Conference Room

737 Agua Fria Road

1:00 – 2:45pm

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 - B. Art Festival
 - C. Summer Events
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

June 7, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Adrian Salazar, Chair at 1:00 p.m. on this date at the Monica Roybal Center, 737 Agua Fria, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adrian Salazar, Chair
Austin Basham
Jimmy Buchanan
Kamon Tari
Allison Valdez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Isaac Green
Griffin Merians, *Alternate*

STAFF PRESENT

Terrie Rodriguez, Director, Youth and Family Services Division
Victor Vigil, Youth and Family Services, Teen Center Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Andrea Dobyns, Santa Fe Police Department
Chief Aric Wheeler
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Valdez moved to approve the agenda as published. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10, 2012

Ms. Valdez moved to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting as presented. Mr. Basham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Communication/Participation

Chair Salazar said the reason he wanted to start with communication/participation is because there were a few things that were not working well and he would like the Board to get it out on the table. He said as part of the application process, members agreed to make a commitment to the group, attend meetings and participate in activities.

Chair Salazar said the meetings are scheduled far in advance and there should not be any reason that members cannot attend the meetings. He spoke about unexcused and excused absences and suggested that there be a policy for unexcused absences as follows: After one unexcused absence or not participating, members would receive a warning and after the third unexcused absence, a letter will be issued and the member will be terminated from the Board. He said this will be enforced and this is a way of getting people to equally participate and be involved.

Chair Salazar said it has been hard to get members to volunteer to do things and if this does not change and members do not get involved, members will be assigned roles.

He asked that members provide ample time if they need assistance from the Board and follow through with activities.

Ms. Tari said the reason she got involved in the Board is because she wants to see change happen in Santa Fe and she understands that being a Board Member can be hard and participation can be hard also because it is a lot of work. She said this is something to consider when the Board is looking for new members – to make sure they understand this.

B. Art Festival

Ms. Tari thinks the Board needs to postpone the Art Festival for a later date. She explained that there were not enough advertisements and there were no auditions.

Ms. Tari said she went to Warehouse 21 yesterday and she spoke with Ana Gallegos who is trying to help her with a Teen Center at Warehouse 21. She noted that she sent an e-mail to the Board Members but she did not get a response back and it may be because the contact list is outdated.

Chair Salazar said an updated contact list will be done.

Ms. Tari suggested that the Board find another approach to advertise the Art Festival. She mentioned that she spoke with someone who is willing to help advertise the event and send out fliers. She thinks Board Members need to talk to people about the event, to promote it. She explained that she did not feel she could do this alone and that she needs the Board's support.

Ms. Tari asked where they can get the tables and chairs for the event. They need about 20 tables.

She said they need to fill three hours for the event and suggested that each member find four artists from their schools. Members were asked to create a list of prospective artists.

Ms. Rodriguez said possibly they can get a DJ for the last hour.

Ms. Tari suggested that the Board consider having the event sometime in the fall.

Ms. Rodriguez said the month of October would be good. There is still good weather and there are not that many events happening that time of year.

She encouraged the new Board Members to get involved.

Mr. Basham offered to try and make a logo for the event.

Ms. Tari asked him to try and have this for the next meeting.

Ms. Tari offered to update the Facebook page.

Chair Salazar will check on the newspaper to advertise the event. He recommended that the Board Members stay on top of this to get it done.

There was consensus to postpone the Art Festival until October 7th, the first Sunday in October from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will give the Board time to advertise the event.

C. Summer Events

Chair Salazar asked if this was Martin's area or subject that he was working on. He thinks he was looking into having movie nights or something like that. Chair Salazar said he is checking with the Boys and Girls Club and he will get the dates and e-mail them to the Board Members.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. White House Youth Meeting

Ms. Rodriguez said she has been talking to Robert Gomez of the White House and he moved the Town Hall meeting for the youth (18-25 years of age) to the 16th. She said now that the Community College is sponsoring it, they do not want to hold the meeting unless they have 150 people in attendance. So far, 50 people have RSVP'd.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that she recommended that Lauren Buchanan speak on behalf of this group because she has been working on sustainability issues; however, she is unable to make that date. She asked Chair Salazar if he would want to present the information on the gang violence in schools.

Chair Salazar said yes, absolutely.

Ms. Rodriguez encouraged the Board Members to invite people to attend. She said this will be a great opportunity for the youth to address issues and meet people. Also, Town Hall meetings have been held across the country and this would also be a great opportunity to hear what the youth are saying. Chair Salazar asked Ms. Rodriguez to keep the Board in touch about this.

B. Officers in Schools-Positive Youth Engagement (PYE)

Chair Salazar said he has not had a chance to plan an informal meeting with the School Board but he is hoping to do so in the next month.

Ms. Rodriguez explained to Chief Wheeler and Sgt. Dobyms that Officer Nico Butler would go to Santa Fe High and Santa Fe Prep School occasionally and they are trying to expand this to get the officers engaged in some of the other schools.

Ms. Rodriguez said MYAB really appreciates the Police Department's support in this. She said they want students to be able to talk with officers and to get to know them more on a personal level. This way when they need an officer, they won't be afraid to call them or approach them.

Chair Salazar said they had a contact list of some officers. He said they would also like to expand the PYE program to the middle schools.

Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that they had Officer Ben Chavarria at Capital High School and they asked if Officer Luis Carlos could go to St. Michael's High School but she does not think this has been approved.

Ms. Tari said it would be great to have an officer at Warehouse 21 and the Teen Center also.

Chief Wheeler said he was in favor of all of this because some people relate to officers in a negative aspect and it would be good for them to get to know officers at a personal level. He said they could do some training at the schools, like personal/public safety classes. They can also discuss a career in the police department and in forensics, for example.

Ms. Rodriguez asked him if she could contact him about this.

Chief Wheeler said yes.

Sgt. Robins noted that they have conducted classes at all education levels, to include the elementary schools.

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

Discussion items for the next meeting:

- 1) Art Festival
- 2) Officers in Schools (PYE) Program
- 3) Recruitment of Board Members
- 4) Schedule of Meetings

There was consensus of the Board to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 4:45 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Youth Center Conference Room.

Chief Wheeler said he would be attending the meetings.

The Board has three vacancies and they discussed the recruitment of Board Members at the beginning of the school year.

Chair Salazar suggested that a letter be written about the Board, who the Board Members are and get it on Facebook. Mr. Victor Vigil will write the letter.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Tari asked about the status of the Teen Center.

Ms. Rodriguez said it has been put on the shelf because it will cost more to remodel a building. She would like to see the plans for a new teen center, maybe on the south side of town, possibly in conjunction with the Library. However, they still need to identify some land for it.

Ms. Tari suggested that the Board consider helping Warehouse 21 in the future.

Mr. Buchanan announced that there will be a mile fun run next spring at the Railyard. He offered to have more information at the next meeting.

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the Floor.

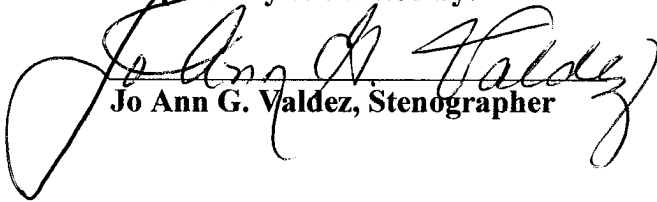
10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to address, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Approved by:

Adrian Salazar, Chair

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer