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

**Thursday August 29, 2013**

**Monica Roybal Center**

**737 Agua Fria**

**4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

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- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2013**
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  - B. Report from Chair**
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  - B. Health and Nutrition**
  - C. Food Drive**
- 6. Discussion Items for the next meeting**
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**August 29, 2013**

**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, 737 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  
Martin Soto, Vice Chair

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eliana Ward-Lev, excused

**STAFF PRESENT**

Officer Nico Butler, Santa Fe Police Department  
Terrie Rodriguez, Youth and Family Services Director  
Chris Sanchez, Children & Youth Commission, Program Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tilcara Webb's mother  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item D (Change for Youth) was added to Old Business.

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

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 19, 2013**

Due to the lack of a quorum, no approval was made to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Officers and Members**

Chair Buchanan said the Board needs to talk about new members.

The Board discussed prospective candidates to fill the Board vacancies. There are six individuals who are interested. They are:

Jerry Chavez, Santa Fe High School  
Ryan Ortiz, St. Michael's High School  
Brooke Sheldon, Santa Fe High School  
Tilcara Webb, NMSU  
Ben Zamora, St. Michael's High School  
Emily Pullen

Tilcara Webb's mother was present to notify the Board that her daughter is interested in filling one of the Board vacancies; however, she was not able to attend today's meeting.

Ms. Webb filled out the paperwork to appoint Tilcara Webb to the Board.

Ms. Rodriguez said this is the time for the individuals to submit their paperwork for the Mayor to appoint them to the Board.

Mr. Soto noted that he had some students from ATC who might be interested and he will get with them

Chair Buchanan said he will ask Victor Vigil to send an e-mail to the above individuals to inform them that now is the time for them to put in their applications to become Board Members. He offered to contact Brook Sheldon. He also offered to create a master e-mail list.

**B. Report from Chair**

Chair Buchanan said he did not have a report.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Positive Youth Engagement Officer Program**

Officer Butler said he needs to get the lunch times for the following schools who are participating in the PYE Officer Program:

Santa Fe High School  
Capital High School  
St. Michael's High School  
Santa Fe Prep School  
And possibly De Vargas High School

Mr. Soto asked if they could go to schools that the Board does not have representation for.

Officer Butler said as long as the principal is OK with it.

Officer Butler said there could be two more officers who can participate in the Program.

**B. Health and Nutrition**

Chair Buchanan noted that he wrote lesson plans for schools around health and nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. He also set up a website with the lesson plans on it that the public schools can use. The website should be live in about two weeks. The website is called "Go Get Fit".org. Chair Buchanan would like to have the new Board Members

to try and go teach the new lesson plans in some of the schools once the website is up and the lesson plans are finalized. There will be further discussion on this at the next meeting.

### **C. Food Drive**

Ms. Rodriguez noted that the Board used to give money to Teen Nights at Warehouse 21 but they haven't received money lately. She asked the Board if they want to do this again.

Mr. Soto asked who the main contact is.

Ms. Rodriguez said it is Ana Gallegos y Reinhardt.

Mr. Soto will e-mail Ms. Gallegos y Reinhardt.

The Board will discuss having another food drive at the schools and City Hall at the next meeting.

### **D. Change for Youth (Fundraiser)**

Ms. Rodriguez reported that a total of \$85.54 was collected for the parking meter fundraiser that was done at the City Gallery. The winner was the Boys & Girls Club who collected \$30.26; FACT collected \$19.03; Earth Care collected \$25.15 and Art Fest collected \$11.10.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Board can decide what they would like to do with the \$85.54.

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

Discussion items for the next meeting:

- 1) Officers in Schools (PYE) Program
- 2) Food Drive
- 3) Review Applications/Recruitment
- 4) Anti-Bullying Resolution

The next meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2013 at 4:45 p.m. at Santa Fe Prep.

## **7. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

There were no matters from the Board.

## **8. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Rodriguez introduced Chris Sanchez, the Children and Youth Program Manager. She said Mr. Sanchez manages about 35 contracts that they have for different organizations in the City, as well as special projects that have to do with children and youth.

Mr. Sanchez thanked the Board for having him. He noted that a lot of the work he has done has to do with juvenile justice for the last 20 years or so. He said Ms. Rodriguez has given him an opportunity to work with the Children and Youth Commission. He explained that the Children and Youth Commission funds \$1 million to about 35 different non-profit organizations and schools throughout the City of Santa Fe.

Mr. Sanchez said over the last seven months, they have been focusing on the high school dropout rate here in Santa Fe. He referred to the *Voices for Children* report that recently came out noting that it ranked New Mexico as 50<sup>th</sup> for the well being of children throughout the United States. This is not good and one of the first goals is to try and figure out how they begin to work within this realm to help the students.

Mr. Sanchez reported that he and Ms. Rodriguez attended a meeting at the Santa Fe Community Foundation where there was discussion on the statistics about Santa Fe and the public schools and some say that the dropout rate is about 40-50%. The majority of the dropout rates are from the south side of Santa Fe. They contacted the Superintendent to see what is in place for the students who are suspended and found that there is nothing in place for these students.

Therefore, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sanchez and Richard DeMella developed an initiative which is called the "Transitional Educational Program". This will include wrap around services for suspended students, as opposed to suspending them. They know that the majority of these students have behavioral issues, mental health issues and educational issues and abuse issues, etc. The goal is to have assessments done when the kids come to the program to find out where they are in terms of the areas of school, home, mentally, physically and emotionally and put programs and services in place

around these areas. They want to build the program from the kid's perspective and they plan to have a centrally located area where the kids can have a voice.

Mr. Sanchez said they met with about 40 kids from YouthWorks who were kicked out of the school system and found that they did not want to talk about education; they wanted to talk about the issues that they are facing on the streets and what they are facing at home. Some kids talked about not having the basic needs, like clothing, health issues (such as not having the proper eye glasses), dental issues, etc.

Mr. Sanchez said they would like MYAB to be part of the process because they want to bring the greater youth population together and hopefully turn the curve on the number of drop outs here in Santa Fe; and have the kids get the support and services that they need to get a better education and eventually going on to graduation.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned that the program will be developed on the south side of Santa Fe at Zona del Sol. He said when you look at all the programs and services in Santa Fe, there are very few programs on the south side of town.

Mr. Soto asked if they will be working on getting the kids their GEDs, etc.

Mr. Sanchez said their first goal is to get the kids to get their high school diploma and students will be referred by the Superintendent to the program, as opposed to getting suspended. He said there are a lot of stakeholders involved in the program and there is a tremendous amount of support to include City Councilors and the Mayor.

Mr. Soto asked if they have the necessary funding to continue this.

Mr. Sanchez said they are still providing the same services but they will be realigning services and will provide a centrally located area for these services. They also would like to leverage the funding they receive from the Legislature.

Mr. Sanchez said they would like to create a model for the state and eventually the United States because this issue is not just indicative of Santa Fe.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned that they are also working on the bullying issues at schools. He noted that Councilor Bushee has introduced an Anti-Bulling Resolution would like them to look at how they can address those issues.

Ms. Rodriguez suggested that the Anti-Bullying Resolution be brought before this Board. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Mr. Sanchez said they may be organizing a planning committee or team to look at this and what is being done to address these bullying issues.

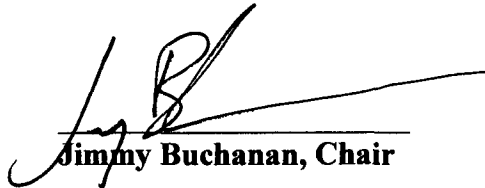
Ms. Rodriguez said from what they have seen so far, there are some anti-bullying projects at the elementary schools but there really isn't much addressing the middle schools or the high school levels.

Mr. Sanchez said there are different kinds of bullying with the social media that is available now for students. He noted that some kids have committed suicide because of bullying issues. He said they need to get to the core of the problems, which can start at home.

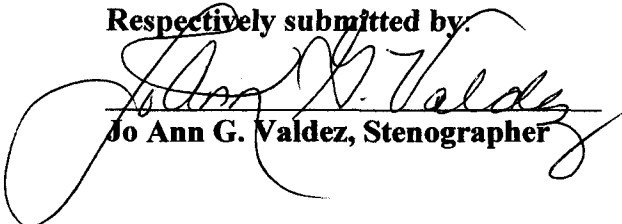
## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Having no further business to address, Mr. Soto moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Buchanan, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.*

**Approved by:**

  
Jimmy Buchanan, Chair

**Respectively submitted by:**

  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer