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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 23, 2012

Carlos Ortega Teen Center

4:45 – 6:00 pm

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2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2012
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 - A. Art Festival
 - B. Health & Nutrition
 - C. Letter to schools/Recruiting
 - D. Immigration Meeting
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

August 23, 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 4:50 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
Allison Valdez, Vice Chair
Jimmy Buchanan
Elaina Mann-Lev
Griffin Merians
Kamon Tari

MEMBERS ABSENT

Austin Basham, excused
Martin Soto, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Officer Nico Butler, Santa Fe Police Department
Teri Rodriguez, Director, Youth and Family Services Division
Victor Vigil, Youth and Family Services, Teen Center Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 7, 2012

Ms. Valdez moved to approve the Minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting as presented. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Festival

Ms. Tari said the Board decided to move the Art Festival to October 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She noted that Austin Basham did some great drawings for a possible logo for the Festival. She noted that they need enough performers to fill three hours. She requested that each Board Member have the names of four artists that have been confirmed by the next meeting.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that the City paid a \$350 fine in the past for a space at the Railyard because an event was cancelled. She asked that the Board consider this when they are thinking about a venue for the Festival. She said possibly the event could be held at Warehouse 21.

Ms. Tari said she is reluctant to have it inside Warehouse 21 because people won't know that it is going on.

Officer Butler suggested that the Board consider the Southside Library.

The Board discussed possible venues for the event. A suggestion was made to consider the Convention Center because of the pedestrian traffic. Ms. Valdez will call them to see if this is a possibility.

Mr. Buchanan offered to check with the dance companies to see if they have any performing artists who would be interested in participating.

Ms. Tari will ask Mr. Basham if he would be interested in doing the fliers to advertise the event.

Chair Salazar suggested that the event be announced at the schools.

Ms. Rodriguez said they could also do some Public Service Announcements.

A schedule will be made by the next meeting.

B. Health & Nutrition

Mr. Buchanan said he would like the Board to do a 1-mile fun run possibly the last two weeks of school. This would give the Board ample time to prepare.

Officer Butler suggested that the Board considering having the run at Ft. Marcy or Frenchy's Park.

Mr. Buchanan said he needs to work on getting sponsors. He offered to e-mail the Board further information as this moves forward.

C. Letter to schools/Recruiting

Chair Salazar suggested that a letter be written that would go to all of the schools about the Board. The letter would be a way for schools to get to know the Board and what it does. This will also let the students; staff and faculty know that the Mayors Youth Advisory Board exists, etc.

After discussion, the Board agreed that they would modify the statement that is on the website as a start for the letter.

Mr. Merians will work on a draft letter and the Board will finalize it at the next meeting.

D. Immigration Meeting

Chair Salazar reported that he and Victor Vigil attended the meeting and the focus of the meeting was to discuss immigration issues; and the fact that young people are not aware of the immigration issues and what these young people go through.

There were several suggestions made at the immigration meeting to educate young people about immigration issues- one way would be to have a pilgrimage or field trips. Another suggestion was made to do some kind of project together, like a mural project-to bring the community together.

Chair Salazar said there is agreement that this is a major issue that is not being addressed among the youth. He said there is a lot of racism and prejudice primarily because the young people are not educated about the issues. He asked the Board if they had any suggestions on how to address this.

Ms. Tari said it would be cool to do a community mural and they could have a presentation on the mural. She said they could also educate the youth about the immigration issues and the “Dream Act” because there are a lot of people who are applying for this.

Officer Butler suggested that the presentation be held at the Plaza where the youth could share their stories and experiences.

Chair Salazar noted that they invited a member of the Immigration Committee to the meeting in October. He said this topic will be on future agendas.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Officers in School

Chair Salazar asked if there was any information on this.

It was noted that Sgt. Andrea Dobyms and Chief Aric Wheeler of the Santa Fe Police Department attended the last meeting and they expressed interest to continue with having officers in school. 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.

Officer Butler said he would like to continue having officers in schools.

Chair Salazar asked if it would be possible to get Sgt. Dobyms or Chief Wheeler involved because they sounded interested.

Officer Butler said he had their contact information. Ms. Mann-Lev offered to contact them.

Ms. Allison offered to contact St. Michael's High School to see if they would be interested in participating with officers in the school.

Officer Butler recommended that the Board make a presentation to the School Board and the new Superintendent.

B. Communication and Attendance

Chair Salazar said he put this on the agenda because he wanted to stress the importance of communication and attendance. Members were asked to always communicate with staff or the Chair about absences and to communicate with each other about projects, etc. He said this is very important for the Board to make things a reality.

C. White House Youth Meeting Briefing

Chair Salazar reported that he and Teri Rodriguez attended the White House Youth Meeting on June 19th at the Santa Fe Community College. He said the meeting was well attended. Two officials from the White House attended the meeting and community members were asked to discuss what they think are issues for the youth and what they think are the solutions for these issues. Chair Salazar made a presentation about gang violence and the Officers in School Program. He noted that there were issues brought up around immigration and hunger in New Mexico. The officials from the White House will take back this information.

Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that Martin Soto came up with this idea about homeless youth and what the Board could do to help. He wrote up a draft and Ms. Rodriguez will review it and e-mail it to the Board Members.

Mr. Vigil asked if the Board wants to do the Food Drive again this year. There was consensus of the Board to do the Food Drive again, maybe sometime in the spring.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Discussion items for the next meeting:

- 1) Officers in Schools (PYE) Program
- 2) Art Festival
- 3) Letters to schools/recruitment

- 4) Health and Nutrition
- 5) Food Drive
- 6) Martin Soto's suggestion/idea

The next meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2012 at 4:45 p.m. at the Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC) at 74 A Van Nu Po Road.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters from the Committee.

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the Floor.

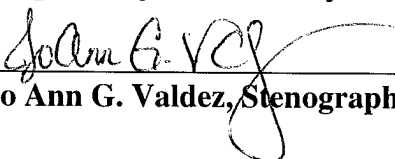
10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to address, Ms. Elaina Mann-Lev moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Ms. Allison Valdez, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Adrian Salazar, Chair

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer