

Minutes
Newburyport Youth Commission
January 11, 2011
Called to Order at 6:48PM

Present: Jeffrey Ives, Alan Papert, Andrea Egmont, Cathie Williamson, Deborah Andrews, Nancy Earls and Alexandra Canning. Absent: Beth Tremblay-Hall. Guest: Zab Zabrosky

December minutes: approved

Old Business: Rental Policy and Policy and Procedure review tabled until next month. The changes will be reviewed by the YC, via e-mail, for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

New business: One guest was present, Mr. Zabrosky, there was a brief conversation regarding his potential goals and the YC's needs and requirements. He will consider the options and was suggested to speak with Margo.

Director's Report: Andi reviewed YS January report e-mailed for all to review, included is; an overview of fall and winter programs with skiing at a slow start, drop in rates are increasing and 2nd half of year sign up is available with hopes of soon having online registration.

Margo-Recreation Director and Beth- Youth Coordinator each wrote their respective summary. Specifically noted activities for January and February: the Middle school dance on 1/21 at City Hall, the Winter Carnival on 1/22 (with hopes to encourage community members to visit the Kelly Building and have a better idea of YS) with YC volunteers present, 2/4 Amesbury Sports Park YS fundraiser- tubing 5-8PM with \$12 going to YS. Friday 2/11 is annual Girls Night out for Middle School girls (Boys will have a night out as well), to help foster positive relationships. Members of the community attend and prepare activities. The Bartlett Mall has been requested for the Duck Derby Fundraiser.

Budget reviewed: Layout City budget with deadlines to establish goals and objectives by the end of January. Usually work towards 5 year plan, one is not in place at this time, suggested focusing on 1) accessibility of programs, ex; youth with special needs, 2) building revenue producing plans and 3) consider a 3 year strategic plan considering today's financial climate. Current plan is to meet with city council the last week of February and submit the budget to the Mayor 3/15. YS are currently at level funding and needs additional funding to meet goals and objectives.

There was much discussion around the Fundraising Sponsorship availability and procedure for the Duck Derby. All agreed the better organized sponsorship parameters and framework are upfront the more successful the program will be.

Andi met with the planning Director, architect and Council on Aging regarding the Community Center plans. Currently YS is in the basement and this footprint does not serve the needs of the Youth, No Gym! She continues to express her opinions with the Mayor.

Youth Council Report: Alex reported their pasta dinner was a success. The teens broke into four groups and are making contacts and brainstorming for their after school projects. They are getting together with schools in Boston and Lowell. In their enthusiasm many youths signed up for multiple groups. After midterms Alex will ask if any students are interested in YC.

NLEC: Nancy Earls presented a brief history of the Newburyport Learning Enrichment Center; its past and future funding, achievements, goals, and, services and programs offered. Under the management of the public schools and supported by Youth Services there has been considerable growth and community awareness. Tenant Council will have their first meeting this month and plan on meeting with the Mayor. They are looking for a community building suitable for the Tenant Council to meet on a regular basis.

February Agenda

- Approve minutes
- Rental Policy and Policy and Procedures
- Budget process and YC role
- Review Mission Statement and 5 year plan
- Retreat

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 8, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned 8:20PM