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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Monica Roybal Youth Center

737 Agua Fria

4:45 – 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2011
5. New Business:
 - A. Fire Safety – Caitlin Smith
 - B. The New Board – Caitlin Smith
6. Old Business:
 - A. Warehouse 21 Fundraiser
 - B. Mentorship Festival
7. Discussion items for next meeting and choose next meeting place.
8. Matters from the Committee
9. Matters from the Floor
10. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
Southside Library – Staff Conference Room
6599 Jaguar Drive
July 28, 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, July 28, 2011, at approximately 4:45 p.m., by Caitlin Smith, Chair, in the Community Room, Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caitlin Smith, Acting Chair
Vaughn Fortier-Shultz
Adrian Salazar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lauren Buchanan
Kamon Maris Tari
Jordon A. Zoeckler
Eliana Ward-Lev
Isaac Green [alternate]
Faridah Odiya [alternate]
Martin Soto [alternate]
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez – Council Liaison

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Teri Rodriguez, Youth Services Director
James Garduno, Carlos Ortega Teen Center – Staff Liaison
Miguel Angel Acosta, Executive Director, Colegio sin Fronteras
Ana Alvarado, Youth Advocater, Colegio sin Fronteras
Dora Gomez
Paola Arteaga
Valerie Alvarado
Crystal Quinonez.
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was not a quorum of the membership in attendance. Chair Smith opened the meeting for receiving of reports only.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 26, 2011

No action.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRE SAFETY (CAITLIN SMITH)

Chair Smith said a firefighter was supposed to attend today's meeting, but had to cancel at the last minute.

Chair Smith said she was thinking of things we could do to help prevent fires, as well as what we could do to help Santa Clara Pueblo.

Ms. Rodriguez asked Chair Smith if she was thinking more about fire safety around peoples' homes or personal safety, and Chair Smith said either one.

Ms. Rodriguez said Arroyo Hondo has done workshops on fire safety and clearing of flammable items to create a safe area around the house.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz asked if her idea was to promote fire safety awareness among teens.

Chair Smith said she was talking about helping Santa Clara Pueblo in terms of what we could do as volunteers, noting the people in Los Alamos has been trying to do a lot of this.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said then a firefighter could tell us about volunteer opportunities.

Chair Smith said yes, and if we want to expand it to an introduction to safety.

Ms. Rodriguez said it would be good to find out what Santa Clara needs right now, noting she understands they are doing a lot of reseeded to keep the soil in place. She understands Santa Clara's watershed was burned, so this is going to impact them for a long time, in terms of runoff and such.

B. THE NEW BOARD (CAITLIN SMITH)

Chair Smith said this is her last meeting. She said they might want to move forward with an action plan.

Ms. Rodriguez said we will need to replace Chair Smith on the Board. She said she was looking at the applicants for the Board from St. Michaels, noting Jacqueline came to the last meeting, but her address is in Los Alamos. She said it would be necessary to change the enabling Resolution to allow Jacqueline to serve.

Chair Smith said both of the applicants from St. Michael's will be seniors in the coming year.

Ms. Rodriguez said it's desirable to get students who still have quite a bit of time to go in school for continuity. She said we can review all previous applicants for the Board, if we don't want to limit filling the vacancy with a St. Michael's students.

Ms. Rodriguez gave a brief history of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, which was formed under Mayor Jaramillo's administration to provide a voice to the youth of the community to the Governing Body.

Ms. Rodriguez said there is a process for appointment to the Board which involves answering a series of questions, followed by an interview, to choose people who are willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve on the Board. Ms. Rodriguez said this Board has done some very interesting things in the community.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Board will now be looking to replace Chair Smith on the Board, and then to get the Board acquainted with one another, and to be supportive of the programs undertaken by the Board. She said the Board also needs to decide who will be the new Chair and Vice-Chair and any other positions you would like to establish. She suggested this be discussed at the next meeting, and then hold elections for offices the meeting after that.

Ms. Rodriguez said there are some funds available to the Board through the Department to purchase items such as tee-shirts and such, noting there probably is about \$200 available.

Mr. Salazar and Mr. Fortier-Shults will work together to prepare an agenda for the next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. WAREHOUSE 21 FUNDRAISER

Chair Smith said Warehouse 21 had wanted us to talk about the issue of parking, and asked if that was discussed at the previous meeting.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said there was a brief discussion but "we didn't hear a lot."

Ms. Rodriguez said her last communication with the Parking Division is that they wouldn't do an exception for Warehouse 21, because parking is available in the parking facility on Saturday for \$1, and parking is free on Sundays.

B. MENTORSHIP FESTIVAL

Chair Smith said she spoke with Kamon's mom who told her that Kamon is going to delay the date of the Festival again, because they couldn't get the background checks, but no new date was proposed. Chair Smith believes she will propose a new date once she gets the background checks.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said then Kamon did find people to participate in the Festival, and it is just that the background checks are taking longer than anticipated.

Chair Smith said this is how it appears, but she hasn't spoken directly with Kamon.

Mr. Fortier-Smith said then there is a chance we don't have sufficient people to do the festival and Chair Smith said this is correct.

Chair Smith said Kamon was also looking at doing a fundraiser for Warehouse 21 for parking. She asked if the Board wants to do that or keep its focus on the Mentorship Festival.

Ms. Fortier-Shultz said fundraisers are easy to run, and there are lots of ways to raise money – bake sale, raffle and such. He said it sounds like parking is fairly cheap and shouldn't be an issue and would make a fundraiser unnecessary. He thinks it would be best to devote our time and efforts on the Mentorship Festival.

Chair Smith suggested when Kamon returns we could have a special meeting or put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

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

After discussion, it was the consensus among the Board to hold the next meeting at Capital High School on the third Thursday.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Vaughn Fortier-Shultz and Adrian Salazar will work on the agenda, and get it to Ms. Rodriguez.

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Crystal Quinonez, Santa Fe, said she attended training in Las Vegas, Nevada and learned about things that can be done to create activities in the community.

Mr. Acosta said he invited the youth today to talk about getting more kids involved from the Southside. He asked if students who are not in school can participate, noting about half of the teens in Santa Fe aren't in school and aren't represented. He asked if there can be some kind of expansion of the Board and/or an effort by the Board to engage these young people who aren't otherwise engaged.

Ms. Rodriguez said they have tried to attract some of the younger students, so they could serve longer on the board. She said older students aren't discouraged, and students can serve through their 21st year. However, the hope is that students would have more than a year to serve on the Board. She said young people are welcome to attend any meetings of this Board. She said we try to have the meetings in different locations to attract kids from different areas of town..

Chair Smith said this Board has tried to reach out to different students, and to get the message out about this Board. She said they would welcome suggestions as to how they can be more effective in this effort.

Ms. Quinonez said they would like to get more of the kids on the south side involved in the work of the Board.

Ms. Rodriguez said she will have to check with regard to whether young people have to be attending school in order to serve on the Board. She said the enabling legislation was written with the idea of representation from each of the high schools..

Ms. Rodriguez said Moises Tarrango, a southside resident, was a member of this Board, and he now serves on the Santa Fe School Board.

Ms. Alvarado said they would like something for the southside youth like Warehouse 21 which is downtown, and get some ideas for youth activities on the southside.

Ms. Rodriguez said the City looked at expanding the City's teen center, and trying to renovate the Tino Griego Pool next to La Farge. Everything was going well until the economic crisis hit, as well as there is an issue of the lease of the land. She said the City is hoping to do a teen center at some point, because the other one is inadequate for all the kids in town.

Ms. Rodriguez said they had looked at holding a dance at Rodeo Grounds, as well as doing a movie on this side of town, but those ideas never got traction.

Ms. Alvarado asked the reason.

Ms. Rodriguez said one reason is the Board decided to take on other projects, and it was necessary to fund those. She said the City would be willing to pay for a movie or a dance on this end of town, but the issue is finding the space to do these things. She said the Rodeo Grounds were booked on the dates they wanted to do something there. She said this Board would be very happy to hear ideas about where and when we could use space on the southside to hold a dance, a movie and such. She said the Boys and Girls Club obtained money to do a dinner and a movie, and the dinner was free and the movie cost \$1.

Chair Smith said there are more young people on the southside than anywhere else.

Ms. Quinonez said, in addition to a dance and a movie and such, they want something to do constantly for the youth all summer. She said they go to the Chavez Center, but transportation is an issue. She said she is talking about building a structure on this side of town, admitting she understands that would be expensive, but they really need something like this on the southside.

Chair Smith suggested that the youth participate in the Mentorship Festival, commenting that the group has had difficulties to getting this set up. She said we were successful in getting reduced bus fares for a while. She said this Board would love to work with the southside youth on their ideas.

Ms. Quinonez said they will get those together and get those to the Board, and be more ready for questions at the next meeting. She said they have the same needs on this side of town as kids have on the other side of town, and that they really need help to get some activities established.

Mr. Fortier-Shults said the south side of Santa Fe has expanded faster than the available funds for teens. He said he is glad they built the Library here, but doesn't know what the City will be able to do in the near future.

Mr. Acosta said Councilor Dominguez has a planning initiative for the Airport Road communities, and they will be helping to facilitate some community dialogues in this regard, and said it would be good for the youth to be involved and to give input.

Mr. Garduno said he can text those who provided their phone numbers to let them know about movie nights.

Chair Smith said we can let them know about meetings of this Board.

Ms. Rodriguez said Girls, Inc., has vacated the space in the zona. She said the Y has approached the City about that space, and would like to set up part for physical fitness and the other for a community center. She said they would want to charge a nominal fee for the use. She said it would be a private gym available for people to use on this side of town, as well as to have a community space where kids could have dances.

Mr. Acosta spoke about potential uses for the Y, and how it can expand into many areas such as soccer fields, and the use of the commercial kitchen, and how it could be more self-sustaining.

Chair Smith asked how this Board can best engage the southside youth, and asked about holding more Board meetings on this side of town.

Ms. Quinonez said it is definitely a positive to hold more meetings on the south side. She asked them to advise them when they do hold meetings and where.

Mr. Acosta suggested an open meeting of this Board in cooperation with the Airport Road planning effort in terms of youth needs and ideas.

Ms. Rodriguez said the presentation by the Capital High School on alcohol was impressive, well received, and went a long way toward the City not approving the liquor license across from Sweeney, and may impact the WalMart liquor license as well. She has the CD and will show it to this Board at a future meeting.

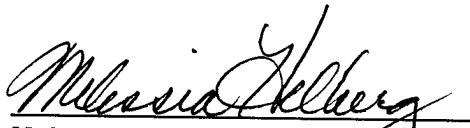
Ms. Alvarado said our community is the same as any other community in Santa Fe, and "it affects everybody one way or the other." She said we are the same community, and we are asking you to listen to our kids who have great ideas.

After discussion, it was the consensus among those in attendance that it was best to text Ms. Quinonez about the Board meetings and activities, and she can send the message onto others.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Caitlin Smith, Acting Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer