

CITY OF GROTON
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 18, 2013
Council Chambers

Chairperson Celeste Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Galbraith welcomed the members and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the committee.

Roll Call

Present: Mary Hill (Staff Liaison), Jessica Pavent, Jason Silva, Bea Jennette, Cindy Morrison, Kim Grant, Angel Aybar, Renee Dickey, Andy Ilvento, Celeste Duffy, Bobby Harris, Juliette Parker, Denise Gregory

Absent: Sandy Easton, Monique Boss

Each member introduced themselves.

I. Review of Charge

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Committee is to

- Assess the needs of the community's youth,
- Identify existing resources available to meet those needs,
- Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on actions the City can take either on its own or in conjunction with other organizations to meet the unmet needs of the community's youth

II. Election of Secretary (moved to end)

Discussion - Needs

Access Needs by age group:

- Middle (10-15)
 - Structure/guidance
 - Exposure
 - Non-sport activities
 - Occ. Parent on-site
 - Summer program until 5:00
 - Sense of belonging/ownership/share personal issues
 - Voice
 - Social skills/character building
 - Adults making connections with kids

- “just enough” choices
- Creative - confidence
- High (16-18)
 - Mentoring
 - Leadership role
 - Community service
 - College
 - Job skills
 - Application
- Not yet adult (19-20)
 - Need social development
 - Transition
 - Mentor/leadership
 - Job skills
 - Application

Committee Needs:

- How to gain trust of youth so they feel safe/comfortable?
- How to bring our ideas/programs to the kids ...school, groups?

III. Establishment of Work Plan

1. Get ideas & info from kids
 - a. Develop questions/short survey
 - b. Open ended questions (5-6 questions)
2. List resources
3. Develop program format
 - a. Who/target
 - b. What
 - c. Resources
 - d. \$ needs
4. City of Groton Day Table

Decision – Each person will come up with 5 – 6 questions and email them to Mary Hill (email hillm@yurservice.com) to combine. She will email everyone to review and the committee will discuss which questions to use for the survey at the next meeting.

IV. Review of Work Plan

Election of Secretary: Denise Gregory

Discussion – Future meeting dates

- May 16, 2013
- June 20, 2013

Adjournment

A. Ilvento moved J. Pavent seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.
Chairperson Duffy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliette M. Parker

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