

Minutes

Youth Advisory Board

**Tuesday, December 3, 2002
New Berlin City Hall - Council Chambers.**

Present: Nikki Serkowski, Michael Moths, Robert Bakic, Joe Gradel, Katie Levene, Katie Chiovatero, Charlie Kleczka, Kristin Czubkowski, Casie Walsh, Greg Bybee, Mason Fong

Excused: Ashley Stocks, Kate Bonner, Karsten Huttelmaier

Absent: Megin Rozman

Also Present: Tom Riese, Eric Schmidt, Tony Pine, Melissa Schneider

The meeting began at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Greg Bybee motioned to approve the minutes from November 19, 2002. Mike Moths seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

City Current Events Update:

Mayor Wysocki was not present, so there was no current events update.

Privilege of the Floor:

No one opted to use the privilege of the floor.

Old Business:

A. Bybee moved to approve the proposal to extend the terms of the board's members. Joe Gradel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

B. Ashley Stocks, who was not present, is in charge of the board's brochure. Contact her if there are any comments/suggestions.

C. The Youth Opportunities committee needs to meet before the January meeting to discuss youth involvement/opportunities in the city's 2003 Fourth of July celebrations.

D. The Youth Opportunities committee also needs to meet to discuss having a large, public board meeting targeted towards the youth for attendance, and consider such details as where and when this meeting should be held.

E. The Programs committee needs to meet to discuss youth programs to be included in the Park and Rec's brochure, preferably the upcoming spring/summer edition.

F. The Programs committee also needs to meet to discuss the possible creation of a Youth Board

Association (YBA) between the various local and national youth boards.

G. The Facilities and Programs committees need to meet to discuss the usage of the old library.

H. The Facilities committee needs to meet to discuss the idea of a skate park in New Berlin. Also, there is one being built in Muskego, so information on that park could be useful.

Casie Walsh arrived at 6:45 PM.

I. The bonfire scheduled for over winter break was cancelled, and will instead be merged with the YAB's winter dance after the Eisenhower/West basketball game. Mary Berg should be contacted for the Park and Rec's assistance with planning.

J. Charlie Kleczka informed the group that the website is going well and will soon be up on the web permanently. He is waiting for information from the lady in charge of the city's computer system. It was mentioned that the Waukesha Teens Online (WTOL) might be a good link for the site.

K. Mason Fong, who is in charge of the teen interest survey, has it completed and will e-mail it to the members of the board.

L. The committee secretaries, as well as a few other people, need to write thank you notes to people who helped with the Battle of the Bands.

Joe Gradel left at 6:53 PM.

Mason Fong arrived at 7:00 PM.

Robert Bakic left at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

A. As of now, the Youth Board is against being filmed on cable. Though the city wants the meetings taped, there would need to be a new visual set-up for the board as well as at least two cameras being manned.

Alderman Rush Wilkins came in at 7:12 PM from a Customer Service committee meeting. He was concerned with the Youth Board's reaction to their spot in the city newsletter. He also wanted a few youth board delegates to attend future committee meetings, which occur every few months.

Tom Riese also spoke out, saying that the board should not be afraid to confront the city council about teen issues, and that the board should not lose its unified voice. He mentioned Mary Berg and the aldermen as excellent resources to help get what the board wants.

B. Melissa Schneider from the library requested that a committee of 5-6 people from the board or elsewhere form a library teen committee and comment on what the youth of New Berlin would like to see in the new library such as programs, facilities, etc. The committee will likely be formed after the design for the new library is made. Also, on a side note about the library, Schneider mentioned that its Poetry Night is going well and is rather popular.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

