

Westport Youth Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20th, 2017
Room 201/201A
7:15-8:30 pm

7:17pm:

- Renee begins meeting

7:18 pm-7:25 pm: What's Up

- One-acts this weekend
- B3 just got back from Nicaragua
- AP tests two weeks
- Toquet hall put down new flooring
- Toquet Hall is launching a earth guardians club
- Variety show tomorrow at Staples

7:25 pm:

- Officer Batlin makes a motion to approve the minutes, Kate seconds

7:26-7:45 pm: Public Input

- Senior center working on a new project, asking for our support
 - Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance and Board of selectmen unanimously supported the program and RTM supported the project positively as well
 - Looking for \$3.9 million to continue funding their project
 - May 17th they are going before board of finance asking for the funding
 - Asking for WYC's support, a letter from WYC to board of finance
 - Senior center is continuing to grow and is a "jewel in the town" that is crucial to the life of seniors
 - Valerie suggests that this money should be going to Staples rather than the senior center
 - Tucker suggests supporting the concept, but we don't put our support behind the amount of money
 - Valerie moves that we write a letter that supports the idea of having seniors stay in town and use the senior center, but we are not endorsing the amount of money. Leaving that up to people that know the budget better than us. **Valerie then withdrew the motion.**
 - Students agree that as a youth program we have a hard time supporting a budget that could be better used for our own education
 - Tucker makes the following motion: We reviewed and received your letter from April 20th. The youth Commission has voted on your request. The Commission understands and agrees with your need to expand, however we have no comment regarding the total amount you require and when/how the final funds are allocated.
 - Ned seconded. Abby and Valerie opposed

7:45 pm-8:02pm: Advocacy Group Presentations

- Peer Education and Awareness
 - Real talk
 - Capture-A-Cop
 - June 2nd
 - Jesup Green
 - Movie at the beach
 - Need proposal for Parks and Recreation
 - Speakers
- Town Improvements

- Creation Fair

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- May 21st
- Starting application and marketing push this week
- Waiting for rowing club responses

8:02 pm-8:11 pm: Advocacy Group Breakout:

- Most wanted topic for real talk?
 - College essay guidelines
 - Possible applicants: Going far away? Out of the country? Gap year? Military school applicant?
 - Interviews? How did you pick your school? How many schools did you visit? What did you do on those visits?
 - What are superscores?
 - Did they use a college counselor?
 - When should I write essays?
 - Where should I get ACT help?
- Promotion for capture the cop?
 - PTA, Bedford and CMS announcements, BMS and CMS shows
 - Dan Woog, Westport Now
 - Call GFA about getting publicity around their school
 - Interns at middle schools
 - Flag belts from Staples
 - Online sign ups through Eventbrite
 - Health and gym teachers homeroom
- Promotion for creation fair?
 - Facebook, Dan Woog, reaching out independently, Westport Now

8:11pm-8:14pm: New Business

- End of year party
 - Compo Beach
 - Saferides, TAG, WYC
 - June 8th

Motion to adjourn 8:15 p.m.

- Kate made a motion to adjourn. Alejandro seconded the motion.