

## FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

The February meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday February 18, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at the John F. Kennedy Community center in Room #2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Coleman, Julie Schneider, Jeff Geerling, George Fernau, Clayton Adkins, Chad Danforth, Cameron Hoormann, Peggy Reeves, Fred Schaljo, Jarrod Coder, Nathaniel Binion, Amanda Doherty and Harold F. Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Katey Dyall - school, Tracie Hudson - school, Michelle Masotto - class, Katy O'Herin - ill, Nick Stroot - school and Claire Schneider - school.

ITEMS DISCUSSED: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M.

1. The minutes from the January 21, 2003 meeting were adopted as read.
2. The floor was opened for any further nominations for the election of the vacant co-chairperson's position. Since there were no additional nominations, the nominations stood at: Katy O'Herin, Tracie Hudson, Jeff Geerling and Julie Schneider. Jeff was elected by a majority and assumed the position, administering the meeting with Ashley.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF AND ALL OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES

3. The Advisory discussed the method of contacting the members for scheduled activities. Most of the membership is currently on the e-mail list and this seems to be working much better than the phone-tree where it is hard to actually find someone at home. Those without e-mail will have the minutes mailed to them, and phone calls about special events. If your e-mail is down, or changed, let Harold know so he can reach you by other means. Advisory agendas, minutes and special events will be e-mailed. You can also see the agendas on the City's web-site under the Boards & Commissions section.
4. The next YOUTH DANCE for grades 5 thru 8 is scheduled on Friday, February 21st from 7 to 10 P.M. - any help would be appreciated, with members asked to be there around 6:45 P.M. if possible. Possible volunteers include: Julie, George, Clayton, Chad, Cameron, Amanda, Ashley and Jeff. Thanks to all for their concern.
5. KID'S WORLD - The present show has Tracie interviewing Nancy from the Personnel Department about summer jobs for youth and Harold about the picture I.D's. A new show is being taped about growing up in early Florissant with a local author, and a new segment on the new picture I.D's that start on February 24th. Remember, when you have your picture I.D's taken, you should have "BOARDS & COMMISSION MEMBER" placed on your new card. This will show that you are eligible for the 25% discount for any Parks Department class, the Golf Course, etc. The staff has a list of all Boards & Commission Members at both Centers to confirm you are a member.
6. "YAKKIN WITH YAC" so far no input has been received from anyone yet. Nate suggested making a pop up video on this and Jeff volunteered to work on it. Put the word out to your

friends and others about this feature and perhaps we can get some interest.

7. YAC SHIRTS - Mayor Lowery has granted the Advisory's request to look into obtaining Youth Advisory shirts. The membership studied the various selections and chose to go with a Polo-style shirt. Colors were discussed and the #65 GOLD and a #20 ROYAL BLUE were picked as possibilities. Harold will try to get samples and bring them to the next meeting for a final vote. Be thinking about what you want on them in so far as logos and lettering so decisions can be made the next time.

8. RUSSIAN RESPONSE: The most recent Russian e-mail was discussed. They said they are interested in finding out more about: youth politics and freetime programs, democratic institutions in the USA and Russia, the struggle against terrorism, ecology and art. They are looking for ways to obtain grants from various world agencies to sponsor their interest and travels. If anyone is interested in this as an Advisory, school or personal project, let Harold know.

9. WENTZVILLE PARKS & RECREATION - Their representative who we met with last month has invited two youth members and one adult member to speak before their Park Board on Monday, March 10, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. for 25 minutes or so. Jeff, Ashley and Fred volunteered to speak, but more can ride along if they wish. Meet at J.F.K. at 5:30 P.M., and Harold will drive to their meeting.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A) Jeff reminded everyone that minutes, information, etc. can be found at our website: <http://homepage.mac.com/geerlingguy/yac/> You can also link into this via the Florissant web site at <http://www.florissantmo.com>.

Clayton motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jeff, and Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Jeff Geerling