

FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Coleman, Jeff Geerling, Julie Schneider, George Fernau, Janice Steib, Amanda Doherty, Michelle Masotto, Peggy Reeves, Fred Schaljo, Chad Danforth, Cameron Hoorman and Harold Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tracie Hudson, Katy O'Herin and Nick Stroot - All with school functions.

ITEMS DISCUSSED: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Co-Chairs Ashley Coleman and Jeff Geerling.

1. The minutes from the February 18th meeting were adopted as read with no corrections or additions.
2. A presentation was given by members Ashley, Mandy, Michelle and Fred before the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Park Board on March 10th. That Department wants to start up an Advisory similar to ours. Our Advisory presented a 4 minute video and then discussed a handout that summarized our activities. Most of the 45 minute program was a question and answer format. Wentzville was very impressed with our Commission and its members.
3. The Final Youth Dance of this school year will be held this Friday, March 21st from 7 to 10 P.M. at J.F.K. Mayor Lowery has offered to pay out of his personal funds the entry fee, pizza and soda for the first 300 residents to come thru the door. We need as much assistance as possible that night due to the expected crowd. Volunteers so far include: Ashley, Nick, Michelle, Mandy, Jeff Julie, Chad and Tracie.
4. KIDSWORLD: The present show has Tracie discussing with Rosemary Davison her new book about early life in Florissant, especially as a kid growing up at that time. There is also a segment on our new picture I.D.'s Ashley and Jeff discussed Mayor Lowery and Harry McClure's memo on the Departments' doing more youth oriented TV shows. New Advisory ideas included:
 - A) A tribute to St. Thomas Aquinas Mercy High School - Julie is checking with her school's Media Department on this.
 - B) School sports spotlights.
 - D) A tribute to our residents that are going to be involved in the potential war, and how we send our love to them.
 - E) Commercials for upcoming City or Advisory events.
 - F) YAC - certain questions and ideas are being formulated by our members to tape for this segment.
5. "YAC" shirts were voted upon, with the Royal Blue oxford polo shirts being approved by 10 to 0 over the gold shirts. They voted to have the City seal on the left breast pocket area, and Youth on top and Advisory Commission on the bottom. The logo and lettering will be in white.

This proposal is being drawn up now for Administrative approval.

6. "Snack With The Easter Bunny" is on Saturday, April 12th from 9:30 A.M. to noon in the gym at the James J. Eagan Center. Please be there between 8:30 A.M. and 8:40 A.M. to help set up this event. Chad has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny, but we still need help with the Bunny, handing out food, handing out prizes and face painting help. The Advisory requested new face paints and prize cannisters, and that is being addressed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A) Jeff Geerling and Jarrod Coder have been requested to give a presentation about the Advisory to the visiting Russians on Thursday, March 20th at the Golf Course Club House at 11:30 A.M. They will be giving a program similar to the March 10th presentation.

B) Mandy has been appointed in charge of the TOT WHEELS PARADE by the Valley of Flowers office. This event is growing quite a bit this year.

C) YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT - Jeff was appointed to chair a committee to see about possibly setting up a Youth Golf Tournament this year. Ashley, Michelle, Mandy, Cameron and Julie have volunteered to assist on this.

D) Mandy discussed about possibly doing a "Summer Kids Night" activity. She is checking out various other types, as the ones at Fritz's.

E) Janice discussed 2 free programs for boys and girls that they are requesting for now.

1. PITCH HIT AND RUN for ages 7 - 14 on Saturday April 26th at 10 A.M. on St. Ferdinand #1.

2. DRIBBLE PASS & SCORE for ages 6-14 for soccer on Saturday, May 10th at 10 A.M. at the Florissant Valley field next to the James J. Eagan Center. CALL: 839-7671 or go to the James J. Eagan Center to register.

Michelle motioned for adjournment it was seconded by Mandy and Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Coleman