

FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

The May meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Fleurissant Golf Course Club House.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Adkins, Ashley Coleman, Chad Danforth, Mandy Doherty, George Fernau, Tracie Hudson, Jacob Kasting, Michelle Masoto, Katy O'Herin, Sam Pixley, Peggy Reeves, Fred Schaljo, Julie Schneider, Nick Stroot, Janice Steib and Harold Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jeff Geerling - Volleyball competition, Jarrod Coder, Ashley Chew and Nate Binion - all work.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Robert G. Lowery Sr., Mrs. Carol Lowery, Ron Veach, Director of Parks & Recreation, Mike Kilpatrick, the Golf Course Manager, and Lauren Henke - YAC applicant.

ITEMS DISCUSSED: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Co-Chairperson, Ashley Coleman.

1. Ashley introduced Mayor Lowery who welcomed the Advisory members and guests to the meeting. He also presented each member with a personalized pen and an insulated drink mug. He said that he was asking Ashley and Jeff to appoint 2 members to serve on a Committee to get more youth programming on Cable TV. He also said that he and his administration is there for the youth of Florissant and wants to have more youth oriented activities and youth involvement. Mayor Lowery participated throughout the entire meeting with his input and decisions.
2. The minutes from the April 15, 2003 meeting were adopted as read.
3. YAC SHIRTS - The members present who had not received their new YAC Shirts yet were given them. Anyone else who has not received them should call Harold and arrange to pick them up at J.F.K.
4. The TOT WHEELS PARADE was discussed. A letter was received from the Valley of Flowers office thanking the Advisory for their participation, and asking for our help next year on it. They also sent a form requesting our thoughts, ideas and input on this activity. If you have any comments on the TOT WHEELS PARADE, please call or e-mail Harold at 921-4250.
5. Janice discussed the DRIBBLE, PASS & SCORE activity that was postponed several times due to bad weather. It was held and the winners went on to the regional competitions.
6. KIDSWORLD UPDATE - 2 shows are already taped and ready to go on the air when the Valley of Flowers features are over. The first one has features with: 1. Ashley and Janice showing how to get a new picture I.D. 2. Mandy interviewing Ron Veach, Director of Parks & Recreation about all of the new renovations of the Community Centers. 3. Mandy interviewing Chuck Sosnowski the new Florissant Athletic Specialist. The

- second feature set for late June or early July has:
1. Tracie interviewing the first ever female play-by-play announcer from McCluer North.
 2. Tracie interviewing the Athletic Trainer for McCluer North.
 3. Harold's interview with Dave Carpenter the Athletic Director for McCluer North.
 4. Harold's interview with Coach Schottmueller, who coordinates the work - study programs.
 5. There is a possibility of a taping with a McCluer High School girl who has been recognized with several awards.
7. Several ideas were discussed for improving the Cable channel to make it more youth oriented. Ideas were submitted for comment boxes in various locations. Keep trying to get some interviews worked up for "YAKING WITH YAC" and Tracie said interviewing the participants at our dances.
 8. The idea was put forth about trying to include more disabled students in YAC activities. Florissant is a member of the North County Inclusive Recreation Program and does provide inclusive recreation for numerous youth and adults in classes, programs and activities. We also have Chris Ramsey, the representative of this agency who assists these participants.
 9. Chris and Janice will advise and coordinate any activities in this area, they are aware of the legal guidelines in these topics.
 10. FLORISSANT FOCUS - The next issue of this City brochure is due out in early June. Jeff has an article on the Russian visit this spring where he and Jarrod talked with them about our Advisory.
 11. Ashley suggested that we do an article about the YAC and : how to join, things we do, events, etc. Ashley advised the YAC to consider an article along these lines for a fall edition.
 12. Mike Kilpatrick - Old Fleurissant Golf Course Manager - he discussed the YAC Youth Golf Tournament. It was decided to set a date of Sunday - August 3rd, 2003 with a 2:00 P.M. start. Other facts discussed and decided upon was:
 1. Pre-registration required.
 2. Minimum of 20 registrants, with 40 to 60 registrations considered a good amount.
 3. Youth Advisory - help in check in and start, but also be able to play.
 4. Must be 18 to drive a cart.
 5. Rates - resident - to be determined - maybe \$8.00 - \$9.00, Non-Resident - \$12.00 or so.
 6. Mayor Lowery said we could use the Flert bus for this activity.
 7. Mayor Lowery and Ron Veach said we hoped to have donated food for this activity.
 8. Probably 2 P.M. start and about 2-1/2 hours to do the 9 holes.
 9. Prizes - we will try to solicit donated prizes. Everyone should start asking for this.
 10. Adult members to assist in conducting the activity and as Course Marshalls.
 13. Ron Veach - invited the YAC to the Bangert Pool Party to celebrate Bangert opening up a new Aquatic Center. This will be on Thursday, May 22, 2003 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Members, their families, and dates are invited. The official grand opening is on Saturday - May 24th at 11:00 A.M. for the Ribbon Cutting at Bangert.

14. Mayor Lowery announced that the Magic House is building a new satellite location in Florissant. In addition, there will be a children's interactive display at J.F.K. during the summer of 2004.
15. The proposed renovations of J.J.E.C and J.F.K. are scheduled to start in late August. He also restressed that the YAC should come up with more youth oriented activities and TV Shows.
16. Katy O'Herin and Tracie Hudson were recognized for their participation in the Valley of Flowers and congratulations to Katy for being crowned Queen.
17. Future YAC activities:
 1. "Splish Splash Summer Bash" - July 11th
 2. Family Fun Fishing Tournament - July 12th.
18. Ashley thanked Mayor Lowery for the Advisory and treating them to dinner.

Katy motioned and Tracie seconded for adjournment at 7:40 P.M. and Ashley adjourned the meeting.

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Coleman and Nick Stroot