

FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. in Room #2 at the J.F.K. Community Center. Co-Chairperson Jeff Geerling called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Geerling, Nick Stroot, Jimmy Woods, Sam Pixley, Katy O'Herin, Cameron Hoormann, Julie Schneider, Chad Danforth, Fred Schaljo, Clayton Adkins, Kacy Carr, Peggy Reeves, Janice Steib and Harold Ernst.

GUESTS INCLUDED: Keith English, President of the Park Board, Laura Pesek and Jericah Selby.

MEMBERS EXCLUDED: Tracie Hudson, Michelle Masotto and Josh Bennett.

ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** - Jeff asked that all those in attendance introduce themselves since we had new people in attendance. Guests Laura Pesek and Jericah Selby have been nominated for appointment to the Advisory and will be discussed at the September 22, 2003 Council Meeting.
2. The minutes from the August 19, 2003 meeting were adopted as read.
3. **NOMINATIONS** - Jeff opened the floor to any additional nominations for the co-chairperson positions. No further nominations were given, so they remain at: Tracie Hudson, Jeff Geerling, Clayton Adkins and Katy O'Herin for the 2 positions. Jeff stated that we would deviate from the scheduled agenda so that Keith English could give his presentation. The elections were delayed until later in the meeting.
4. **BMX PARK** - Keith English, President of the Park Advisory Board was present to give a presentation thru his notebook computer on the proposed BMX Park for Florissant. He stated that e-mails and letters have been received about interest in this topic. The video was about the 28 acre park in South St. Louis with different levels of riding challenges.
5. Location was discussed, with Mr. English stating that a location next to the Skate Park in Dunegant might be better, due to a Ranger being stationed there already.
6. Mr. English asked if the Advisory would support this subject for the City to further explore this BMX Park concept. The members did vote to support the idea, but they did have several concerns:
 1. The Skate Board Park interest and involvement started very high, but has fallen off to only a few people attending, if any daily.
 2. Location - it would probably be hard for younger kids to get to Dunegant if the BMX Park is there, and not centrally located. Other more central locations?
 3. Publicity - to keep the interest up for this activity. How to let the kids and adults know more about it.
 4. Ages? they thought kids would mainly attend, but have it open to any age rider.

5. Flyers, classes, promotions?

The Advisory said more research is needed on this topic.

7. KIDS WORLD - The Committee appointed by the Advisory at a previous meeting (Jeff, Tracie and Nick) reported on their progress. Using Jeff's computer and digital cameras, they have designed a new introduction and digitally recorded several Advisory activities (Splish-Splash, Golf Tournament and Summer Camp). They have to have a show that is more appealing to kids, with shorter topics, and set up more like the youth shows as MTV.

Plans are for an anchor and then field or in-studio reporters on a more fast paced style. Katy, Laura, Jerica and Kacy also volunteered to work on the programs and committee. Janice suggested gearing more towards kids with more interviews, and Peggy suggested rotating anchors and interviewers. We have to remember to keep them current also, and not be playing old items that are now out of interest. Jeff said this digital work could also be on our web site.

8. OLD TOWN FALL FESTIVAL - This is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2003 from noon till 5 P.M. The members voted to work split shifts consisting of 12 to 2:30 P.M. and 2:30 to 5 P.M. Members are asked to be there 15 minutes before the start of their shift. LOCATION - On St. Francois at the big concrete wall across from the Old Town Market Place and the big mural.

WORKERS: 12 - 2:30 P.M. - Kacy Carr, Jericah Selby, Jimmy Woods, Sam Pixley and Michelle Masotto. 2:30 - 5 P.M. Jeff Geerling, Clayton Adkins, Tracie Hudson and Lauren Henke.

If you cannot be there, contact Harold or Janice ASAP. Any other members who have not volunteered yet are also welcome to attend. Friends or dates are welcome.

9. LEWIS & CLARK ACTIVITIES - More information on this has been made available since our last meeting. Mayor Lowery and the Committee asked if the Advisory would be interested in staffing the Marquis Tent and handing out Florissant information at any local or regional events. The Advisory voted that they would be willing to work one day or one event at this time.

Mrs. Debo and the Committee asked if the Advisory would be willing to serve on a Committee to setup the guidelines for any essay and an Art Contest on this topic. The Advisory said they would need more information before committing to this involvement. There will be a meeting of the Lewis & Clark Committee to hopefully recruit volunteers on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Arts & Crafts Room at the James J. Eagan Center. You are welcome to attend.

10. YAC YOUTH DANCES - The first youth dance is scheduled for Friday, October 17th at J.F.K. from 7:00 P.M. to 10 P.M. for grades 5 thru 8th. This will continue thru April on the third Friday of each month. Volunteers so far include: Jeff, Nick, Katy, Clayton, Jericah, Chad and Sam. More members are invited to help chaperone this event. Katy suggested selling T-Shirts and perhaps glow-in-the-dark headbands, necklaces and bracelets. This will be discussed in detail later. Janice is preparing flyers on this.

11. SUNSET PART MARINA DEVELOPMENT - Jeff asked if everyone was aware of the planned development there? Mayor Lowery has announced that construction may start

this spring on the Marina with: about 35 slips for boats, a boat ramp, gasoline station, convenience store, restaurant, pavilions, camping for scouts and a Nature Lodge. This will all be open to boaters, or drive-up patrons.

This will also all be tied in with the Trail net for biking and hikers, and eventually the Katy Trail. The Advisory was enthusiastic about this development, and Jeff made a motion, seconded by Katy to have the Advisory support this development. The Advisory passed this motion unanimously. The appeal to entire families should greatly benefit our Community, and it is hoped that it will be in development soon.

12. ELECTION - The election for the co-chairs for 2003 was held, with Tracie Hudson and Katy O'Herin being elected. CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM, and thanks to Jeff and Ashley for doing such a great job this past year.

Jeff motioned and Katy seconded for adjournment at 7:30 P.M. and Jeff adjourned the meeting.

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by:

Nick Stroot