

FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. in Room #2 at the J.F.K. Community Center. Acting Chairperson Jeff Geerling called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Stroot, George Fernau, Amanda Doherty, Lauren Henke, Janice Steib, Chad Danforth, Jacob Kasting, Jimmy Woods, Clayton Adkins, Peggy Reeves, Sam Pixley, jeff Geerling, Nathaniel Binion, Fred Schaljo, Jericah Selby and Harold Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jarrod Coder, Tracie Hudson, Michelle Masotto and Laura Pesek.

ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M., but the business portion was delayed while the YAC helped to bag about 500 bags of candy for the City's Halloween Party. Thanks to all of the members for helping out with this.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff introduced Jericah Selby, who was officially appointed to the Advisory last month. All of the members then introduced themselves and said a few things about their interests.
3. The minutes from the September 16th meeting were adopted as read.
4. Advisory participation in the Old Town Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12th was discussed. The shift assignments seemed to work out quite well, with a large amount of participation. We had 11 members who worked specific shifts and 5 others who were either working other areas that day, or stopped by for awhile. Those working this said it was very rewarding and encouraged YAC participation again next year.
5. KIDS WORLD UPDATE: Jeff and Nick have been working on the new digital show and have just handed in the first edition to City Cable. They previewed this to the Advisory at the meeting. It covered youth activities from the past summer, and hope to shoot some additional footage at the City's Halloween Party. The next couple of shows will be a blending of our old format and this new digital style with the editing and form they do so well. **GOOD WORK EVERYONE!**
6. The subject was brought up that the YAC does not have a current, up-to-date picture. The decision was made to take pictures at the next meeting on November 18th. Everyone is asked to come to this meeting, wear your blue YAC shirt, and we will take some group pictures.
7. LEWIS & CLARK COMMITTEE EVENTS: This Committee has met several times since our last YAC meeting. The Advisory has volunteered to staff the Marquis Tent at one of the special events to hand out information. This date will be decided later. The Advisory said that they would be willing to assist in the Judging of some of the competition events the Education Subcommittee is working on. More on this as it develops.
8. YOUTH DANCE UPDATE: The last dance on October 17th had 115 kids in attendance, with all YAC members who attended thinking that it went quite well. The next one is

scheduled for Friday, November 21st at J.F.K. from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

YAC volunteers so far include: Jericah, Amanda, Chad, Clayton, Sam, Jeff and Nick. Try and be there about 6:40 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. Since construction will probably be in progress, our food serving room will probably be out of service, so more help will be needed.

9. HALLOWEEN PARTY: Friday, October 31st from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at J.J.E.C.

Volunteers are needed to help staff games, face painting, handing out candy and more. Be there by 5:30 P.M.-5:45 P.M. if possible. Volunteers so far include: Jericah, Jeff and Chad, but more are needed if you are able to assist. Free pizza and soda party after this event for workers..

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A. BMX Park - Clayton asked about the status of this project - he said several friends are very interested in this. It is still under discussion.

B. Lauren asked about why the Rock Band was shut down at the last third Thursday night-out in Old Town. She is going to write a letter to Mayor Lowery's office saying how a lot of people like this type of music.

Jeff motioned for adjournment and was seconded by Amanda at 7:10 P.M.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
NICK STROOT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Friday- October 31st - City Halloween Party - 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. at James J. Eagan Center.

2. Tuesday - November 18th - YAC Meeting - 6:00 P.M. at John F. Kennedy Community Center.

3. Friday - November 21st - Youth Dance, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. at John F. Kennedy Community Center.

4. Saturday - December 6th:

A) 5:30 P.M. - Christmas Parade in Old Town.

B) 6:00 P.M. - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall.

C) 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. - Project Liftoff at James J. Eagan Center.

5. Saturday - December 13th - "Snack With Santa" 9:30 A.M. - Noon at James J. Eagan Center.

6. Tuesday - December 16th - 5:30 P.M. YAC meeting, assemble at the James J. Eagan Center Lobby, then Christmas House Decorating contest judging, followed by the annual YAC Christmas Party at Pirrones.