

The March meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the Government Building. This location was due to the construction renovation at J.F.K.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Geerling, Michelle Masotto, Lauren Henke, Amanda Doherty, Kacy Carr, Peggy Reeves, Ashley Hoormann, Cameron Hoormann and Harold F. Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Katy O'Herin, Tracie Hudson, Jimmy Woods, Chad Danforth, Fred Schaljo, Josh Bennett and Janice Steib.

ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

1. Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Michelle served as secretary since the other two co-chairs were out of town due to spring break.
2. Jeff asked if everyone received their minutes from the February meeting, and if there were any additions or revisions. There were none, so a motion was made by Lauren to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Sam and passed by the Youth Advisory Commission.
3. Kerry Luster, the Florissant Cable coordinator, taped this meeting. It is hoped that this will be a regular occurrence, and the meetings will be another youth feature on Charter Channel 10. Hopefully, more members will be able to participate in the coming months. Harold Ernst will e-mail you when this is going to be broadcast.
4. Keith English, the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board addressed the YAC concerning a possible joint venture with them. He stated that the Park's Advisory Board is interested in conducting a Kite Festival after the Valley of Flowers in May at Dunegant Park. They believe it would be minimal in cost, since two vendors might possibly be there at no cost to the City. Dependent upon administrative approval of this, factors to consider include:
 - A) Date? - May. Keith suggested a Saturday or Sunday in May. May 15th is the Corps of Discovery event at Sunset Park.
 - B) Setup, control, parking.
 - C) Crowd - he expects 250 plus in attendance.
 - D) Publicity - need to see if this can be approved and then promoted in the Focus and Summer Brochure if possible.
 - E) Parking - if additional spaces are needed, it was asked if the FLERT Bus could be used?
 - F) Pavilion or tent for check-in.
 - G) Time - if a Saturday - perhaps starting around 10:00 A.M. for a few hours. If a Sunday - after Church.
 - H) Face painting, concessions, etc.

Mr. English said this has always been a large event at Forest Park, but is not being held there this year. The two vendors that have volunteered to work this event would either be selling kites, or you could bring your own.

Mr. English asked the YAC to participate if this is approved. Jeff volunteered to be the contact as this project progresses. Five or more YAC members will be needed to assist at this event.

5. KIDS WORLD: The current show has considerable information on the Valley of Flowers and being a Queen Candidate. Tonight's meeting will be on a future show, as will the Arbor Day celebration scheduled for April 1st.

If the Kite Festival is scheduled, we need to get promos for it A.S.A.P.

More people are needed for the on-camera work for KIDS WORLD and KIDS NEWS segments. Please see Harold if you want to be on camera.

Jeff reported that he and Nick have been working on a new KIDS NEWS segment, and hope to have it on the next segment.

6. The next Youth Dance is this Friday - March 19th from 7:00 P.M. to 10 P.M. at J.F.K. This is for Grades 5 thru 8, and if you can be there no later than 6:15 P.M., it would be appreciated. The most help is needed in the gymnasium with chaperoning. Volunteers include: Jeff, Sam, Jacob, Mandy, Michelle, Clayton, Jericah, Kacy and Lauren. REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BLUE YAC SHIRTS.

7. "Snack With The Easter Bunny" - is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd at the James J. Eagan Center's Gymnasium. It goes from 9:30 A.M. till Noon, but please be there between 8:30 -8:45 A.M. to help with decorations.

Tracie has volunteered to be the Bunny. Sam, Jeff, Jericah, Kacy and Mandy have volunteered to assist, but more help is needed in handing out food, prizes, candy and face painting. PLEASE BE THERE - WEAR YOU BLUE YAC SHIRT.

8. YOUTH BOWLING - Janice and Harold met with Mr. Greg Campbell, the owner of Crest Bowl concerning Mayor Lowery's idea of a youth bowling event. Guidelines are being formulated with:

A) Date - Wednesday - June 30th at Crest Bowl, starting at approximately 10:00 A.M.

B) Cost - \$4.00 for 2 games, lunch is additional (sandwich and drink).

C) Maximum - 192 kids on 36 lanes, approximately 2 hours in length, plus lunch.

D) Ages 5 - 8 - 2 regular games, using bumpers.

E) Teens - 13 - 15 - 1 regular game, 1 Crazy Bowl.

F) Event name - Suggestions include: BOWLING BONANZA, BOWL-A-ROMA.

Think

about other possibilities for the next meeting.

G) Prizes - YAC felt younger division would be more interested in trophies, with perhaps small participant trophies for all.

Teens - T-Shirts as participant prizes

Think on this, more at the April meeting.

9. FINAL SPRING YOUTH DANCE - scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2004 from 7:00 P.M. to 10 P.M. at J.F.K. The same information applies as we had in item #6. Volunteers so far include: Kacy, Sam, Jacob, Michelle, Mandy and Lauren. This is before the next meeting, so remember to be there if at all possible.

The Dance will have prizes and games for the kids, so more help will be needed.

10. MAGIC HOUSE GRAND OPENING AT J.F.K.: Will be Thursday, May 27th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The planning committee has helped the YAC to assist in serving drinks and food that evening. You should be there around 5:30 P.M., wearing you blue YAC shirt and nice clothes.

Volunteers so far include: Jeff, Mandy, Jericah and perhaps Michelle. More are needed, if possible. Please volunteer for this at the April meeting if you can.

11. YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT - Sunday, August 8th at 2:00 P.M. at our Old Fleurissant Golf Course. This 9 hole tournament will be similar to last years. More on this at our April meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. KIDS WORLD airs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 12:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

2. Kerry Luster proposed a new YAC feature:

A) Similar to a talk or discussion show.

B) Perhaps taped in Council Chambers or the Government Building.

C) Topics - items or issues that are pertinent to kids of all ages.

D) Perhaps have an audience to also participate.

E) If needed - perhaps have a counselor or such person to address from a professional standpoint announced issues.

F) Sam motioned that this be placed on the April agenda, seconded by Lauren.

Lauren, Mandy and Kacy have volunteered to help start this with the hope to bring in other interested Florissant Youth.

3. Mandy motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jacob. Jeff adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. Friday, March 19 - Youth Dance at J.F.K. 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.

2. Monday, March 22 - Youth Karate Class starts in the evening at the James J. Eagan Center. Register now if you are interested.
3. Thursday, April 1st - deadline for Summer Seasonal job applications with the Florissant Human Resources Department.
4. Saturday, April 3rd - 9:30 A.M. till Noon - "Snack With The Easter Bunny" at the James J. Eagan Center gymnasium.
5. Friday, April 16th - Youth Dance, 7 P.M. - 10 P.M. at the J.F.K.
6. Tuesday, April 20th - YAC meeting - 6 P.M. at the GOVERNMENT BUILDING at the corner of St. Francois and Florissant Road. This will also be taped for rebroadcast.

Minutes submitted by,

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