

## **Youth Advisory Board Minutes**

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Council Chambers

New Berlin City Hall

3805 S. Casper Drive

New Berlin, WI 53151

Present: Eric Schmidt, Eric Printz, Katie Levene, Tracy Calhoun, Jack Nilles, Kristin Czubkowski, Daniel Burkhardt, Maria Peot, Kristi Prokop

Excused: Katie Chiovero

Absent: Rachel Ignasiak, David McLaughlin, Brian Moths, Josh Orlikowski, Theodore Schober, Danielle Stanczak, Teddy Walsh

Also Present: Mayor Ted Wysocki, Paul Gallagher, Melissa Schneider, Greg Bybee

*Kristin Czubkowski called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.*

### **I. New Member Welcome and Orientation**

Kristin Czubkowski welcomed the new members, and everybody in attendance introduced themselves.

Czubkowski gave a brief history of the Youth Advisory Board. It was founded by Mayor Gatzke in 2000, to advise the Common Council on matters related to New Berlin's youth. Since then, it has fulfilled that role and also helped plan youth events.

Czubkowski went on to explain how Board meetings follow Parliamentary Procedure. She detailed how the Board consists of four standing committees: Executive, Programs, Facilities, and Youth Opportunities. The Executive Committee is comprised of four officers--Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is the Secretary's job to submit minutes from each official meeting to the City Clerk. Ad hoc committees can be formed for special purposes.

Eric Printz declined his nomination for chairperson. It was reported that Katie Chiovero, who was excused, had declined her nomination for Treasurer.

Speeches were made by officer candidates: Katie Levene for Chairperson, Kristi Prokop and Daniel Burkhardt for Vice Chairman, Eric Schmidt for Secretary, and Jack Nilles for Treasurer. Czubkowski moved to make Katie Levene Chairperson. Jack Nilles seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Czubkowski moved to make Eric Schmidt Secretary. Kristi Prokop seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Czubkowski moved to make Jack Nilles Treasurer. Katie Levene seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

By secret ballot, Kristi Prokop was voted Vice Chairman.

All Board liaisons present introduced themselves. Melissa Schneider represents the New Berlin Public Library, and encourages all Board members to advise the Library about any relevant issues. Alderman Paul Gallagher represents the Common Council, and informed the Board that most Aldermen are not enthusiastic about the teen center and must be continually encouraged to finance it. Former Board chairperson Greg Bybee spoke about SAYES, a volunteer group where young people help seniors with yard work, etc. Other liaisons include Mary Jane Whitty from Eisenhower Middle/High School, Renee Knutilla from HOSEA, Officer Tony Pine from the New Berlin Police Department, and Mary Berg from the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

### **II. Approval of Minutes (Schmidt)**

It was noted that the minutes from March 16, 2004 are not reconstructable.

Eric Schmidt moved to approve all outstanding minutes. Daniel Burkhardt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **III. Privilege of the Floor**

Eric Schmidt suggested that a charity frothing tournament be held at Valley View Park. The idea was well received by Board members. Schmidt will contact Mary Berg from the Parks & Rec Department.

Daniel Burkhardt spoke about his ideas for the Teen Center. He suggested that, 1) to promote the Center, reduced admission be offered, and 2) Allied Pools be contacted about a possible pool table.

Melissa Schneider explained that many area businesses will be extremely generous if a Teen Center is established in New Berlin.

Greg Bybee informed members that being on the Board is a great opportunity, teaches you parliamentary procedure, and gives you good political experience.

Mayor Wsocki reported that he will propose to the Common Council that the old library be used as a teen/senior center. He will work with the Lions Club, which may make a donation to the project, to establish the center.

Tracy Calhoun suggested that residents be encouraged to donate old furniture to the teen center. Burkhardt agreed with the idea; he and Calhoun may form a separate committee at the next meeting to look into this possibility.

### **IV. Old Business**

Katie Levene and Jack Nilles are working with the Park & Rec Department to help establish the Teen Center. Last week, they made their presentation to the Common Council. They've decided that the old library would be an ideal spot for the Center; Hickory Grove may not have worked as a specific locale. They're also considering the possibility of letting nonresidents attend the Center. At least one paid staff member would need to be working there at all times. It would also be beneficial, they agreed, to have a board of student directors for the Teen Center; this board could also include seniors and area officials as well. A source of funding must be located soon. The Mayor commended Levene and Nilles for their great job.

### **V. Adjourn**

Eric Printz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Kristi Prokop seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next official meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2004.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Schmidt*