

Minutes

Youth Advisory Board

August 20, 2002

New Berlin City Hall; 3805 S Casper Dr; Council Chambers

Present: Robert Bakic, Mason Fong, Joe Gradel, Katie Levene, Katie Chiovatero, Charlie Kleczka, Michael Moths, Ashley Stocks, Kristin Czubkowski, Karsten Huttelmaier, Nicole Serkowski, Casie Walsh, Kate Bonner

Excused: Greg Bybee

Absent: Megin Rozman, Tiffany Kiefer

Also Present: Mayor Ted Wysocki, Bill Prom, Tom Riese, Tony Pine, Ryan Marek, Libby Allard, Barbara Doerfer, Tom Bullerman, Mary Berg

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Ashley Stocks moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2002, with the two changes that Mayor Wysocki requested. Casie Walsh seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

City Current Events:

Mayor Wysocki informed the Youth Board that the proposal to use the old Kohl's Center as a location for the new library has for the most part been dropped due to the costs of remodeling the center to make it more family and youth-friendly. The proposed location is once again by city hall. Some members, including Kate Bonner and Mason Fong, voiced their concerns on using the Kohl's Center for the library and what the space would eventually be used for. There is a library board meeting on August 28 that Mayor Wysocki encouraged that some Youth Board members attend. He also mentioned a meeting on Thursday night (August 22) to discuss the city capital improvement budget. This budget is meant for large projects that require major funding.

Treasury Report:

The \$130 that was put in the wrong account for the Youth Board is currently being fixed. Other than that, no other changes were reported.

Privilege of the Floor:

Melissa Schneider from the library took this opportunity to let the Youth Board know that the library wants youth opinions on the new library, including its design and the materials it carries, and asked members of the board to contact her anytime with comments or ideas.

Old Business:

On the matter of her resignation, as requested in a motion in the previous meeting, Nikki Serkowski herself spoke to the board in her defense. She apologized for her lack of attendance in

recent meeting, and stated that she still definitely wants to be on the board. She cited a lack of communication between herself and board members about the meetings and when they were as the major cause of her inattendance, and said that with the new regular meeting schedule, she should have no problems taking off of work. Casie Walsh motioned to allow Miss Serkowski to stay on the board, and Mason Fong seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The board will also look into its attendance policy in the near future to prevent issues like these from arising again.

On the Youth Advisory Board web page, Charlie Kleczka informed the board that he has been attempting to put the page on the Internet, but with no success. He will continue to try, and will contact Katie Barsch, who operates the city's web page, as per the suggestion of Mayor Wysocki.

Tom Riese then gave a presentation on the results of his poll of the Youth Board of their goals and concerns for the future. Mayor Wysocki commented that the board should review its intent and purpose along with the seven listed purposes that should be present in the first page of each member's binder. Mason Fong suggested that the board create a mission statement for itself in addition to the listed purpose of the board (to advise the mayor and the mayor's council). Riese mentioned that the board should also assist/advise its city liaisons, including the police liaison, Tony Pine, the Park and Rec liaison, Mary Berg, and the aldermen liaison, Tom Bullerman. Mr. Bullerman then introduced himself at this time and voiced his opinion that the Youth Board is an important link in the city and encouraged the board to create more by-laws on its policies. Mr. Riese put this meeting's focus on the poll question on issues confronting the youth of New Berlin, citing that some were not necessarily appropriate for the board itself to handle, but that some could be addressed by the board. These included youth engaging in risky behavior, the city not valuing youth, city facilities not favorable to youth, youth not knowing what is happening in the city, negative perceptions of youth, reckless driving by youth, and nothing for youths to do in the city. Mr. Riese suggested that the board members check the issues and formulate advice, comments, and goals to be discussed at a future meeting. As a comment on the complaint that youths in the city have nothing to do, Melissa Schneider from the library stated that the library wants to and is trying to provide more programs for youth.

Casie Walsh left the meeting at 7:03 PM.

On the subject of the all-city summer teen leagues, Mason Fong spoke on behalf of himself and Casie Walsh, stating that the leagues, possibly frofing or Ultimate Frisbee, would be noncompetitive. They also suggested going through the Park and Rec Department to run the leagues and advertise them in the Park and Rec brochure. Mary Berg from the Park and Rec Department encouraged that the Programs committee discuss this issue and present it to the board at the next meeting. She stated that she would be willing to help the committee with their presentation.

The next item discussed was the Summer "Back to School" Picnic/Party, planned for September 21, 2002. The food for the get-together would be handled by both Eisenhower and West's DECA organizations, and would probably include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and candy. The gazebo/pavilion area at Malone Park where the picnic will be located has a kitchen for food preparation. Mary Berg suggested that the board get a caterer like Rupena's to handle the food. The school survey issue was pushed aside when Greg Bybee, the chairman, didn't like the first one. Mason Fong promised to have another rough draft for the next meeting, which the Facilities committee will help design. In regards to the activities at the picnic, Mary Berg offered to get several "picnic kits" for the party, which include several types of balls. Board members suggested taking deposits on the balls to ensure that they get returned. In regards to music, there are currently no bands signed up for the picnic, and at least 4 are needed. The music will be playing from 6:30PM to 10:30PM to ensure that everyone is gone by 11:00PM, the city youth curfew. Megin Rozman, who was absent from the meeting, along with Casie Walsh, was supposed to contacts bands and talk to Cascio Music about getting someone to run the equipment. Music will further be discussed at the Facilities committee meeting. The CNI ad given to us after the Youth

Yellow Pages completion will likely be used to advertise this function. Mayor Wysocki suggested putting out a free news release to advertise the picnic and request bands as well. He will have the New Berlin Citizen call Ashley to discuss it. Police supervision for the event has been taken care of, but adult chaperones (3-5) are also needed for the event. Ashley will contact Mrs. Whitty from Eisenhower to discuss this.

Mason Fong left at 7:27 PM and Bill Prom left at 7:40 PM.

The discussion on the old library usage was postponed as a long-term project, and the Facilities Committee was asked to discuss it at their meeting. One wing of the old library will likely be used as a youth center and the other wing for the community. The Algoma trip discussion was postponed due to Jim Gatzke's absence.

New Business:

There was a discussion on e-mail regulations and standardized e-mail lists for the board, and it was stated that Youth Board e-mail has somewhat gone out of control, and should be regulated somewhat. The topic was delegated to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

The Park and Rec brochures were discussed briefly, and it was decided that the Programs Committee should brainstorm programs at their meeting to be put in the winter or summer brochures.

On the subject of the Youth Board's involvement in the 2003 Fourth of July Involvement, it was decided that some of the members from the Youth Opportunities committee should attend the September 18 meeting for the planning of the event, which is being revamped to be made more youth-friendly.

The discussion on the a skate park in New Berlin was delegated to the Facilities Committee, but will likely be made a long term goal, with Quarry Park being a possible location.

The 2003 budget requests were delegated to the Executive Committee meeting.

Adjourn:

Ashley Stocks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, and Kristin Czubkowski seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be on September 17, 2002, at 6:30 PM in the City Hall.