

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 9/11/12

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the conference room.

Commissioners present: Gambitta, San Jule, Steele, Tobin, Pudney, Baier

Commissioners excused: VanGorder, Eberhart

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Rob Cutright, SUNY Cortland Intern from Recreation Department

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor and Youth Services Activity Reports were read and accepted as part of the regular meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Wright, the minutes were approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Wright, the Youth Bureau bills totaling \$20,715.42 were audited and authorized for payment.

Other Business:

- A. Reviewed Financial Summary. We are in good shape for this time of year. Looked over the bills. The bill for Sprouse Painting for \$4,700 was for painting the exterior of the Youth Bureau. Cayuga Press bill for \$2,829 was for the Fall/Winter brochure. Frye Technology was for additional chlorine for Wickwire and Yaman in the amount of \$5,660. We had a hotter than normal summer and that meant an increase in the use of chlorine.
- B. John's Report: Bob asked about the letter to District Attorney's office concerning an arrest made at Beaudry Park. New carpet at the Teen Center has been installed. It looks great! John talked about the event at Testa Park to recognize the Gutchess family, who contributed \$100,000 towards the park. Senator Seward was also recognized for securing funds, as well as Alliance Bank.
- C. Andrea's Report: Cheerleading numbers are up and soccer numbers are Down slightly.

- D. John passed out the Fall/Winter brochure. On page 4 there is a write up regarding Small Fry Football Day at SUNY Cortland. This is the second year we have participated in it. The kids make a tunnel for the SUNY Cortland players to come into the stadium for the game. We distributed 4,700 brochures K-12 in the city. Info will be up on the website shortly.
- E. John gave an update on the Beaudry Park building. Construction started on Wednesday, September 5th. They want to get the building enclosed so that utilities can be worked on while the builders are on another project at Cornell. Good news is that it will not impact the programs at Beaudry Park (soccer, SUNY baseball). Bathrooms will stay open during construction. The Cortland Standard has covered it and showed three pictures of the work going on.
- F. John updated the board on the Wickwire Pool campaign. There were 250 packets sent out in August. To date we have \$2,420 in donations. The 4 large leads are: National Grid is looking for a community project. Committee will meet soon to let us know about the outcome. Express Mart on Tompkins Street. The owner's daughter learned to swim at Wickwire Pool. The Walmart Foundation has an online application for approximately \$10,000 in 2013. Cortland Community Foundation is also interested, there is an application to be submitted as well.
- F. John Bennett (Ward 4) had some concerns about Common Council members serving on the fundraising committee; ethical concerns, conflict of interest. Mr. Bennett feels that John as director should not be involved in the fundraising efforts. He will be coming to the next Wickwire Pool committee meeting to explain his reasoning. John is thinking of appointing 2 co-chairs to take on the responsibility of the fundraising. He thinks he should hold off until we hear about the EPP Grant in December or January. "Ride for Wickwire" will be held in the Spring. Carlos Ferrer will assist with this.
- G. Tom mentioned that the Rotary Shelter repairs look great! Roof has been replaced and interior concrete floor has been replaced. Tom asked about the stumps from the cherry trees at Suggett Park. The stumps will be taken out shortly. The tree fell on a utility pole and three cars. One car was totaled. Insurance company advised taking all the trees down. Will work with Thoma Development to replace the trees with new ones. The city is not liable because of "no prior notice" laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 5::45 PM

Respectfully submitted

Cecile Scott