Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes: 9/6/96

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon at the Log Cabin
In attendance:
Amy Smith
Glenn Goepfurt
Harry Parsi
Kate Hamilton
Janet Athanas--Youth Center director
Julius Pleasant--community Services director

We opened the meeting with a discussion about the apparent lack of communication between City Council, City Manager, and the committee. Specific areas of concern include:

--the council's lack of action or lack of communication regarding our proposal to become Community Service Commission,

--the rescinding of our proposal for fees for everyone who uses the weight room at the Youth Center and neglect on the Council's part to inform us of such,

--The formation of a Leisure Services committee, without communication to us. This occurred after our request to become a commission, and the apparent direction of that committee to work on securing a community services building--a project we have been working on

--the direction we were given to spend $35,000 on youth services in June, and now the information we receive is that we are not involved in that project

--confusing information on possible members of the youth services committee--why can Erick Hodgins be a member, but not able to vote? Why was Betty Twitchell turned down as a committee member? Who makes that decision and what is it based on?

--how often we are expected to make a presentation before the City council.

We were given a copy of Resolution #95-16, which does explain some of the above items, it also opens up some other questions. such as if the purpose of the committee shall be to carry out actions at the direction of the Council, why has the council not given us direction?

What we need from the council or city management is what is expected of us as a youth services committee and better communication from both Council, and City Manager.

Julius Pleasant, Community Services Director, gave us a copy of a flyer which describes the purpose of the Community Services department.

Youth Center Director report:
Janet Athanas provided us with some suggestions for good financial use of the Youth Center.
1--Recommend use of the weight room from 6-9 am by women only and charging $50 a month
2--the possibility of opening up the center on Saturday for adult only use
3--she is attempting to work out a solution to the school bus problems revolving around excessive amount of elementary school kids wishing to be dropped off at the youth after school.

We were also informed that the request to have the fencing around the Youth center building had been repaired. Julius Pleasant also explained to us that a suggested solution of using the senior center bus for transporting kids to the Youth center after school was not feasible because of scheduled use by the Seniors.

**Motion was made to: recommend to the council to follow Janet Athanas' suggestion of opening up the weight room for women only 6-10 am Monday through Friday for a fee of $50 per month per individual.**
**seconded/ carried**

**Motion was made to open up the youth Center to adult only use for activities such as pool, television, general recreational use from 11-2 pm Monday through Friday at a fee of $2.00 per session.**
**Seconded/carried**

**Motion was made to have Janet Athanas look into the feasibility of opening up the center for adult groups, primarily on the weekends for a fee.**
**seconded/carried**

Action items to be done by committee members:
Janet Athanas will write a letter to the VFW regarding the M.E. School ballfield which we discussed at our previous meeting. We had been under the assumption that the City could maintain that since it was used for city sponsored summer softball. We were informed that it belongs to the school district, but the last time any maintenance was done on it, the funds had come from the VFW.

Amy will write a letter to City Clerk L.J. Tanner dropping Sharon Trish from the committee, as well as Christy Davis who has resigned and asking about the voting status of Erick Hodgins.

The next scheduled meeting will take place October 1 at 12 noon at the Log Cabin. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

respectfully submitted
Kate Hamilton, Secretary,
Youth Services Committee