

MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
May 15, 2012

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, May 15th, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Barry Pendleton, Lindsey Shifflett, Ruth Ann Paisley, Catrina Ellinger, and Alisha Vines.

Mr. Pendleton called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the above noted members present. Minutes from the March meeting were tabled and will be approved at the June meeting as there was not an April meeting.

Public Speaker:

Ms. Carol Couch attended the Commission meeting to discuss a fundraiser/event idea for older children in the community for this Halloween. The Orange Habitat for Humanity and March of Dimes would like to hold this event and Ms. Couch would like to approach the Council to help create ideas and help with the event. A discussion followed. Ms. Couch will be approaching the Youth Council in the Fall.

Discussion of current projects and programs:

Office on Youth

Mrs. Vines reported that the Orange Tourism administrative staff will be moving into the office suite with Office on Youth and Parks and Recreation. The staff is in the process of rearranging offices and cleaning. The change will be complete in the beginning of July.

Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act:

Mrs. Vines reported the Office on Youth is up to 35 community service placements that have completed a total of 1064 hours of service since July 1st. In addition, the office is up to 36 child specific service referrals since July 1st that have completed 151 sessions since July 1st. We still have issues finding locations for the younger juveniles to complete their hours. A discussion followed.

After Prom

The annual After Prom celebration will be held on Saturday, May 19th through Sunday, May 20th from 12:00 AM – 5:00 AM. The group will begin decorating on Friday at 3:00 in the cafeteria. Donations have been slowly coming in but all expenses should be covered with this year's donations and not any of the reserve fund.

Youth Council

Lindsey Shifflett informed the group of the upcoming activities of the Youth Council. The group will hold their last meeting on June 12th and it will include a cookout. The group just completed a pizza fundraiser to help raise money for supplies for the UVA Children's Hospital and Hospitality house. The Council will also be taking a group trip to Kings Dominion August 1st.

Old Business

Mrs. Vines reminded the Commission members present that we still have a District 5 and At-large seat open on the Council.

New Business

A request was made by several commission members previous to this meeting to explore the option of changing the frequency of the Commission meetings. A discussion was held and it was decided that changing the meetings to possibly every other month might help recruit members to fill the remaining two vacant seats. Mrs. Vines will draft a memo to the Board of Supervisors for the Commission to review changing the meetings to every other month starting in January.

Mrs. Vines informed the Commission that she will be attending the "Every 15 Minutes" training in November. This training is geared toward making good decisions regarding being under the influence especially around Prom. A discussion followed.

Closed Session - Not needed at this time.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be Tuesday, June 19th, at 7:00 PM in the Office on Youth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Submitted 05/23/12
Alisha Vines