

# SPECIAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## A G E N D A

**June 11, 2009 - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Conference Room - City Hall - City of Dover**

*Public comments are welcomed on any item and will be permitted at appropriate times. When possible, please notify Kay Dietz-Sass (736-7003 or e-mail at [kdietzsass@dover.de.us](mailto:kdietzsass@dover.de.us)) should you wish to be recognized.*

### AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. Adoption of Minutes - Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009
2. Election of Officers
3. Discussion
  - A. Proposed Curfew for Carmike Cinemas
  - B. Future Meeting Dates and Times
  - C. Subcommittees
  - D. Moving Forward
4. Committee Members Announcements
5. Adjournment

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## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Youth Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 18, 2009 at 6:00pm. Members present were Mr. Anderson, Mr. Antoniou, Ms. Draper, Ms. Meghan Harris, Ms. Sarah Harris, Mr. Martin, Ms. Micek, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Mullnack, Mr. Napolitano, Ms. Nguyen, Mr. Simpkins, and Ms. Goldsboro. Mr. Knox was absent. Councilwoman Russell was also present. Mrs. Rachal-Speaks and Mrs. Stein were also present.

### **AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**Ms. Nguyen moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Draper and unanimously carried.**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES - YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2009**

**The Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting of April 22, 2009 were unanimously approved by motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Mullnack and unanimously carried.**

### **Organizational Issues - Mission Statement Development**

Ms. Mitchell records the mission statement on the board. Ms. Dietz-Sass suggests that the mission statement be 3-5 Sentences, should include the committee's goals, a List of Priorities,. Dover's Motto is: The Place Where People Want to Live (Dietz-Sass).

### **Discussion - Mission Statement Development**

- Ms. Mitchell = Youth A. Committee wishes to (list).
- Ms. Nguyen= Increase involvement in the City of Dover
- Ms. Sarah Harris= Brainstorm first and then Vi refines/details later
- Mr. Antoniou= Source of Information for City Council Members
- Mr. Martin= Mission Statement already here in the Goals/Objectives
- Ms. Mitchell= We the Committee want to help our city,
- Ms. Goldsboro= to provide opportunities for the youth and the city
- Ms. Dietz-Sass= read over several times,
- Ms. Sharwanda= attention to "increase community involvement in the City of Dover" The City of Dover will increase community involvement through...
- Ms. Dietz-Sass= Reasoning for "operating as a source of information"
- Ms. Sarah Harris= Ties into representing the youth
- Ms. Mullnack= reminded, set a precedent
- Ms. Meghan Harris= already setting a precedent., future committee might not set a precedent
- Ms. Sarah Harris= include action ideas
- Ms. Sarah Harris= Strive to improve the city through community service
- Mr. Antoniou= not too specific
- Ms. Sharwanda= striving to what? What are you striving to do what in the community?
- Ms. Dietz-Sass= Go around in a group, start a circle
- Ms. Mullnack= Creating a safer environment
- Ms. Sarah Harris= More opportunities for youth, more activities
- Ms. Meghan Harris= Events
- Mr. Napolitano= Make it better than before the committee was: Make A Positive Impact
- Ms. Mullnack= Flexible Mission Statement
- Ms. Mullnack= We will strive
- Ms. Nguyen= Active Wording
- Ms. Mitchell= We the Committee will help our city

**Ms. Mitchell moved to include the phrase "We the Committee will help our city."**

**Ms. Draper seconded the motion which was then unanimously carried.**

After much discussion, it was the consensus that the Mission Statement will be revised and refined again at a later date. Thus, the tentative developments will not be adopted or approved, as suggested by Ms. Dietz-Sass.

The next Youth Committee Project will deal with the curfew recently enforced at the Dover Mall.

- Ms. Draper informs the Committee that the Mall on Saturday nights no longer allow adolescents to be out after 6. Must have valid ID. Youth will resort to streets again as opposed to the mall. Concerned about the violence. Ms. Draper also believes the committee should write an editorial.
- Ms. Mitchell: Suggests alternative activities such as Dances @ Moose Lodge or the Fire Center, Advertisement, Radio, Buys tickets in advance "First Night"
- Ms. Draper: YMCA Club 58, Other Dance, Activity
- Mr. Napolitano: Another way to get exposure, salient issue
- Ms. Deitz: Against the Mall Raise of Hands
- Ms. Harris suggests we do not work with the Mall, not against them
- Ms. Deitz: Suggests that the committee to not come across as negative

**Ms. Nguyen motions for the adoption of this issue to be the first project of the committee. Ms. Draper seconds the motion and unanimously carried.**

Ms. Deitz suggests that the Committee meet with the Mall and Trisha Suthord. Ms. Draper suggests the Committee negotiate a time that is later than 6.

**Ms. Nguyen motions to create an Open Floor meeting.**

Ms. Nguyen suggests that the Committee invites the Mall Officials to the Youth Committee Meeting. Ms. Deitz suggests that the Committee first start with mall management and implement an open forum.

**Mr. Antoniou motions in support of this project, seconded by Ms. Goldsboro and unanimously carried.**

Mrs. Russell advises that it is too early to petition, and suggests that the issue remains unpublicized for the time-being. Ms. Draper suggests that the Committee remains positive, while Ms. Mitchell suggests a broad interview of the adolescent population to support the cause.

Mr. Antoniou will be contacting the individuals to set up a meeting with the Mall Management. Ms. Dietz suggests that the Committee invites the individuals to the May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting. It is planned that an Open Forum will occur at the end of this meeting. Ms. Mullnack is charged with the responsibility of creating a Blog for the Committee Members to communicate.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Goldsboro invites members to:

- Sat. from 9am-1pm, planting trees with Dover's Environmental...@ Silver Lake
- Dover High School's Youth Festival from 10-5pm
- Invitation to the Mayor's Banquet @ the Dunkin Center , need to RSVP to Deitz (welcome to bring a guest, please inform)
- Dover Days is May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ms. Mitchell moved for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Mullnack and unanimously carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm

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-> Allot only 10 minutes prior to start of the meeting for public comment so doesn't take time from their own meeting, control people from taking chunk of time

-> Run as a regular meeting. Council Chamber!

JUNE MEETING is ON JUNE...  
NEXT MEETING is MAY 6<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting:  
Discuss the June Meeting Date  
Page in the next Parks and Rec. Book, a Page  
Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee