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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 6, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Youth Advisory Sub-Committee was held on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the City of Deltona's 2nd Floor Conference Room at 2345 Providence Blvd , Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the Chair, Michael Jackson.

2. ROLL CALL:

Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Chair	Michael Jackson	Present
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Vice Chair	Ashley Goodrich	Present (left at 6:25)
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Member	Shannon Foster	Present
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee-Member	Stephanie Greene	Present
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Member	Jasmine Slone	Present
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Member	Jennifer Slone	Present
Youth Advisory Sub-Committee Member	Talia Jackson	Present

Also present were: Mark Manning, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation and Marlene Brown, Administrative Assistant, City of Deltona.

3. SILENT INVOCATION:

The Chair asked for a moment of silent invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ashley Goodrich, seconded by Talia Jackson to approve the Regular Minutes of September 8, 2008. There was no discussion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The members were told about the upcoming Halloween Spooktacular event.

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were no citizens present.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Teen Web Page Project:**

1 Miss Goodrich gave the update on the web page. She explained that she was told it
2 would cost money each month to maintain the web site so she felt that places it out of the
3 committee's reach. She felt that it was unfortunate but the web page would not be happening
4 any time soon.

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6 Mr. Jackson suggested that instead of going with a web site, the committee could do a
7 web page that could be put on the City's web site, under the Parks and Recreation Department
8 web page, which would not cost the committee any money. He explained that it would not
9 have all the photos they were planning on putting on the site, but they could still put school
10 calendars, current events and other information which would give them a starting point. Mr.
11 Jackson said as a group they should gather all the information and give it to Mrs. Brown to
12 add on the City's website under the Parks and Recreation Department page.

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14 Miss Goodrich asked about events that the City was hosting for the holidays. The
15 members had ideas of things they could do like helping local shelters, the hospitals, to be
16 elves, etc. Mr. Jackson advised them that at this point it would be better for them to give their
17 services to organizations that were already established and who are already doing those things
18 rather than trying to get their ideas off the ground now.

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20 **b. Music in the Courtyard Fundraiser:**

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22 Mr. Manning addressed the group to say that there would be no more fundraisers for
23 the rest of 2008 especially in light of the fact that the group did not show up to help at the last
24 fundraiser. He advised them to come up with a plan, including new memberships, so they
25 could be ready in April 2009 when the Music in the Courtyard series starts.

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27 Mr. Jackson said this group definitely needs more manpower and asked the group to try
28 to get the membership up.

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30 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

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32 **a. Neighborhood Watch Program:**

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34 Sgt. J. McDonnell introduced himself and said that Neighborhood Watch Programs were
35 designed for homeowners but he was happy to address this group of young people who had an
36 interest in their neighborhood. He explained how Neighborhood Watch worked in conjunction
37 with other programs but he said that it is basically a program which is a coalition between the
38 Sheriff Department and the neighborhoods, usually a sub-division. He said it is simply people
39 watching out for each other. He stated that the Sheriff Department does not run the program
40 but give their support to the effort. He informed the committee that the Neighborhood Watch
41 program has been around since 1972 when it was started by the Sheriff's Association. He
42 said an effective neighborhood watch program, which is about a 70% participation, reduces
43 crime by as much as 95% in that neighborhood. He said it could be crimes like stolen items or
44 cars left unlocked. He told the group that leaving the garage door opener remote control in their
45 vehicle while it is outside overnight or unlocked, was another way of inviting theft. He advised
46 them to leave lights on as thieves do not like light.

1 Sgt. McDonnell said he likes to brag about Deltona, because in the entire county, there
2 are about 57 neighborhood watch programs of which 41 are in the City of Deltona.
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4 Sgt. McDonnell asked them if they knew what crime stoppers was; some of them did.
5 He explained that it was designed for students. He told them they do not have to give their
6 name and they could get money for reporting a crime. He told them they can text the sheriff
7 department with the crime tip. He said they could do these programs through their clubs or
8 schools. He mentioned that he heard the group discussing web sites and he said the Sheriff
9 Department has a lot of information about the internet. There was a lot of interest and a lot of
10 questions from the committee members. He announced to the group that he is in charge of
11 schools. The committee agreed to have him back in early 2009.
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13 Chairman Mike Jackson told Sgt. McDonnell about the group's interest in
14 Neighborhood Night Out and the Sgt. explained about the grants available to them through
15 various organizations to help make things like this possible. He said a lot of companies
16 including Wal Mart give grants to organizations for things such as this. The group was very
17 excited and do want to stay in contact with Sgt. Mc Donnell.
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19 One member asked Sgt. McDonnell if he knew about "Stop the Violence, Break the
20 Silence". He responded that it was a contest done thru Crime Stoppers, for different age
21 groups.
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23 The chairman and the committee thanked the officer for his time and for the information
24 he provided to them.
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26 **b. Nomination of a new vice chair:**
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28 Jennifer Sloan nominated Ashley Goodrich as the committee's new vice chair and
29 Jasmine Sloan seconded the nomination. Ms. Goodrich accepted the nomination which was
30 then unanimously approved by the members.
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32 Miss Goodrich was congratulated and stated that she would do her best for the
33 committee. She was excused as she had a class to attend at 6:30p.m.
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35 **c. Meetings for November and December:**
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37 It was decided that there would not be any more meetings for the rest of this year. It was
38 agreed that the next meeting of this committee would be held in January 2009 with a date to be
39 determined when the group meets to discuss Halloween Spooktacular.
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41 The committee members discussed working the event as volunteers. Various issues
42 came up so it was decided to have an informal meeting on October 13, 2008 to go over the
43 details with Gloria Micelli who was handling the volunteers and the assigned tasks. Mrs.
44 Brown explained to the committee members that parental approval was needed for any
45 volunteer under the age of 18 who wanted to work the event.
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