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BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION
March 25, 2015 Minutes

A quorum **not** being duly present, **Chairman Samuel Spillane** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Present: Samuel Spillane (Chairman), Brendan W. Clark (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Hersey, Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director), and Sgt. Jeanne Challies (Police Officer),

Absent: Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Emily Mannal, Lianna Mitchell, Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), Carrie Osborn, James Sturgis (Police Officer), Harrison McDonald, Jeniffer Cullum (Town Council Liaison), and Georgina Duffy-Hetzel

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Agenda Items

Revision and Discussion of Flyer: **Patti Machado** passed out the completed flyer (See attached). **Brendan** asked for the sentence on the front page “(See inside details how too join)” to be rephrased (See inside details **on** how **to** join)

Youth Summit – Evaluation: Thursday Night

- i. Delegates:** The majority of the delegates did attend. **Patti** was happy to see Atty. Ruth Weil attend so that she could be paired up with the representative from the Attorney General’s office. **Town Councilors** found it hard to leave the Summit to attend the Town Council Meeting because they felt the summit was more important that evening. **Brendan** suggested choosing next year’s Summit date soon so that more delegates can clear their schedules to attend next year and so it does not coincide with a Town Council Meeting.
- ii. Vendor Tables:** **Matt Hersey** said Sean Cahill and Tim Whelan were very excited about the Summit. **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** were pleased to be here. They wished more parents attended. **Michael Hersey** would like to know how to reach out to the parents that did not attend. Would like to see a more diverse group. Reach out to the John Reed’s of the world. Approach community Pastors. Announcements did come directly from school via e-

mail and reverse 911. Possibly make the summit a mandatory High School entrance requirement. **Brendan** said HS teacher asked him about bringing a summit of this type to the High School to deal with on-going drug problem.

iii. Speakers: Michael Hersey sat in on the first session of the Improbable Players and found them a bit disjointed. They were hard to hear and understand; lost a lot of the audience according to the teachers who completed the evaluation. They eliminated the warm up phase and got much better. **Lianna** did a great job assisting and got a grip on the program **Sam** said they were facing the first session as an unknown but had a better understanding come the second session and felt more comfortable. **Patti** commented that Christine Dilley along with other teachers picked up to fill in the spots and assisted as needed. Next year, **Sam and Brendan** would like to see an outlines of the groups prior to the Summit to set a schedule and a plan. **Brendan's** parents attended and said that Brenda Conlon gave an excellent presentation. The flyers she handed out were excellent. She was very engaging and connected well with the parents. Definitely ask her to participate next year. **Jen Challies** feels she was amazing and would listen to her again. She would be interested in seeing how she presents to kids. It might be more valuable to hear her speak to the kids rather than the movie that was presented. The film was more testimonials than experience. **Brendan** said the reps from the D.A.'s office was very interesting. **Jen** said the female representative from the DA's office was very good at answering questions from parents about age appropriate conversations with children. **Brendan** said Jim Gilbert approached him about working with the Commission on a You Tube video. **Matt Hersey** said Mrs. Brown from the HS asked him to work with her on making and B2B production on opiate addiction. **Patti Machado** said with all this in mind, the Commission needs to come up with a survey containing five pertinent questions that will go out to the students via the monkey survey. Answers will remain anonymous but teachers will have access to the answers. Pat Clark will have posters hung on the first day of school containing information that the 7th graders learned and shared at the Youth Summit. **Mike Hersey** now that this Summit is over and was so well received, he feels that CC Healthcare would be apt to donate more money to bring in a name like Chris Herren.

iv. Press: Poor advertising; CC Healthcare was supposed to take the lead.

v. Layout: Maritime Museum was not happy with their placement. **Jen Challies** thought the **Human Rights Commission** was in a tough spot.

vi. Other: Patti Machado feels that a different venue is needed for next year. Patti approach the Cape Codder as they are a "Barnstable" family. **HYCC** did not work because the gym did not work. Parents complained about sitting in the bleachers. A date for next year must be set soon. Will plan on a second Thursday of the month to avoid a conflict with Town Council meetings. Is the Summit staying with 7th grade students or branching out to include others? Throughout the year come up with two or three major projects to focus on. Expand the Summit to include HS. **Brendan** said Big Brother/Big Sisters would like the Commission to work with them and lead a workshop with the children. **Gosnold** also has an interest in working with the Commission. **Brendan** feels strong about finding a cause that needs improvement and bringing it to the State or local level for review. Meet with the

Town of Weymouth regarding Substance Abuse Prevention. **Jen Challies** stated the police can only put people in protective custody for alcohol. Someone high on drugs cannot be PC'd – they are either brought to the hospital or sent on their way. This is a major issue the Commission can pursue.

Patti presented e-mails in support of the Summit from Randy Hunt, Chris Morin, Terry Avery from Plymouth, Gina Hurley, and Christina Pacheco (Tweeter).

Sam read in to record a letter from Joseph Izzo, General Manager a thank you note and a letter of support on the successful Summit.

Next meeting April 8, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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New Business:

Respectfully submitted,

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