

**CITY OF NORWALK
YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Peter Wien, Chair; Betty Karkut, Darlene Young, Council Member Anna Duleep (5:08 p.m.)

STAFF: Linda Wilock, Youth Service Director; Jason

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wien called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. There was not a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2009

The minutes were not reviewed because there was no quorum.

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD CASES AND ISSUES

Ms. Duleep joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Jason said that recently there had been a number of incidents that ranged from cyber bullying, shop-lifting, vandalism, general threats, breach of peace, underage drinking, domestic violence, assault and a variety of other incidents. Jason said that these are first offenses for the 23 cases that have been processed in the last year, and 11 cases remain open for ages 9-15.

Mr. Wien asked about the cyber-bullying case and Jason reviewed the details of the incident. Out of the 22 JRB cases, 14 involved females.

Ms. Karkut asked if the number of cases remains constant during the summer. Jason explained that usually it is quieter in the summer. The referrals to JRB come in through the police. Ms. Wilock said that during the summers, the youth are not coming in contact with the system as much. Jason said that the after school program appears to be helping, but many of the details are case specific.

Ms. Karkut asked if the juvenile follows the plan, whether the incident is expunged. Jason said that the incident would be, but that the judges are not particularly pleased when a juvenile does not follow the plan. The juvenile probation officers are very careful to let the juvenile know what life was like if one was sent to a residential facility. Ms. Wilock said that Sgt. Gonzales has spoken to the juveniles about the fact that they are at risk when they sneak out at night. Ms. Wilock said that the parents have all been very

pleased with the JRB program, but there are some juveniles who have already decided on their paths irrespective of the program.

DRAFT BY-LAWS

Ms. Karkut asked if the by-laws could be sent to everyone for their reviews and comments. Ms. Wilock said that this had been done after the last meeting for this meeting.

Ms. Duleep asked about the background of the Advisory Board. Ms. Wilock said that the Board functioned in an advisory role to the Mayor. Ms. Young said that it was important to have the document. Mr. Wien said that it would be important to have people send in their comments so they can be compiled. A short discussion followed about the quorum and attendance.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

There was a discussion about the best times for meeting. Another issue was the use of the summer interns who will be working on the Website and involving them with the Youth Service Board. The overall feeling of the Board was 4 p.m. would be the best time. Whether the Board should meet during the summer was discussed, also. Ms. Wilock said that traditionally the Board has not met during the summer. Ms. Karkut said that she would be available to meet during the summer. Ms. Duleep said that she would be able to come during the summer. Ms. Karkut suggested that the first meeting in July be on the 7th at 4 p.m.

OTHER

Ms. Duleep asked if there had been any further developments with Ms. Wilock's position. Ms. Wilock said that there was nothing new.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wein adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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