

# Youth Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes ~ May 12, 2014

Present: Patrick Gleason (Chair), Sophie Bernheisel, Katia Cavigelli, Honora Hammett, Timothy Cohen – Mitchell (Adult Member)

Staff: Joe McNeal, Liasion, Alison Longworth, City Staff

Guests: Finis Calhoun (Franklin Park Apartment Complex), Frank Jones (Springhill Lake Staff), Brian Butler (Springhill Lake Staff), Brian O'Neil

The meeting was called to order by Joe McNeal at 6:36 p.m. in the tech meeting room at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Mr. McNeal welcomed guests in attendance and thanked them for their interest involving the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. McNeal introduced himself and asked those in attendance to also introduce themselves as well.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting. They were approved unanimously 5-0 in favor.

Ms. Calhoun presented an overview of the Franklin Park Apartment Complex recreational activities, and general services available. It was noted that, under the direction of new management, the Franklin Park Complex has shown improvements in the wellbeing and lifestyle of its tenants. Ms. Calhoun asked the committee members about ideas in regards to including more young adults at special events held within the Franklin Park Complex. The committee discussed possible solutions for more public transportation within the City of Greenbelt. It was noted that Franklin Park intends to open both of their outdoor pools this summer for the first time in five or more years. Ms. Calhoun offered to provide tours of spaces for future committee meetings.

The committee toured the Springhill Lake facility with staff members Frank Jones and Brian Butler. Mr. Jones and Mr. Butler discussed upcoming events and ongoing activities at the center.

A motion 14 – 1 to approve report drafted by Mr. Gleason was made to reinstall the basketball rims at Mandan Basketball Courts. It was approved unanimously 5-0 in favor.

Items of “old business” were discussed.

It was noted that issues entering ERHS were sufficient.

There was discussion on the recruitment of new members. It was noted that a member from Greenbelt East as well as a Springhill Lake area resident should join the committee.

Locations for future meetings were discussed. Possible locations included the University of Maryland, and Greenbelt East. The committee showed interest in contacting the Student Advisory Council at University of Maryland for a tour of the campus.

The committee was asked why youth become connected with the community. Suggestions included leadership, impact on their city, and a vehicle for voicing opinions.

Mr. Gleason thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**\*Minutes APPROVED at the 6-9-14 meeting by 5 – 0 vote**