

**YOUTH EDUCATION AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MAY 17, 2010**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm. Board members present were Chair John Pisula, Marcy Fallahzadeh, Diana Podel, Barbara Tilley, Hal Axler and Tim Curtin (arrived at 6:22 p.m.). Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Vice-Chair Lorraine Hofheinz, Daisy Garcia and Stacy Shaffer were absent.

**2. SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. Axler nominated Mr. Pisula as Chair, seconded by Ms. Tilley. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote with Vice-Chair Hofheinz, Ms. Garcia and Ms. Shaffer being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

**3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. Axler nominated Ms. Hofheinz as Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Tilley. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, Vice-Chair Hofheinz, Ms. Garcia and Ms. Shaffer being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2010**

Ms. Tilley indicated that there was an error in the minutes that she was unable to locate. Chair Pisula suggested returning to the minutes later in the meeting when the error was found.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Tilley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fallahzadeh, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010 with the correction. In a voice vote with Vice-Chair Hofheinz, Ms. Garcia and Ms. Shaffer being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

**5. DISCUSSION**

**5.1 Crashed Car at Western High School**

Chair Pisula explained that this was postponed due to the length of time involved in trying to have everything coordinated to get the vehicle to the school. He added that things were gearing up for fall and he was hoping to get the crashed vehicle in September. Chair Pisula advised that he would begin making contact by the July and he would like this item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

**5.2 Notification of Scholarship Grant in the Summer**

Chair Pisula advised that a meeting needed to be held before the regularly scheduled July with a few boardmembers to begin coordination of the scholarship grant. This meeting would be geared specifically toward the grant program.

A brief discussion followed concerning meetings with Chair Pisula advising that with the next meeting scheduled for July 19th, the board could vote on some items and put final touches on some issues before the September meeting. Chair Pisula suggested having a brainstorming meeting on July 12th and highlighting the items that would be needed for that meeting. He indicated that he would ask that a notice be placed in the Davie Update so that families would be alerted and they could also inform the schools.

**5.3 Health Fair Update**

Chair Pisula advised that he met with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Broward College and Memorial Hospital and the meeting went well. He also met with Town Administrator Gary Shimun who was excited to allow the Town to get involved in the health fair and assist in the promotion. Chair Pisula explained that because FAU usually had a safety month, instead of having the health fair in September, it

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would be held in January on a Saturday as a huge community event on both campuses, held between 10a.m. and 1p.m.; however, both campuses were trying to finalize a date. He indicated that Memorial Regional would provide 25 to 30 different booths along with a bounce house; following that health fair, there would be another much bigger health fair that the Town would assist with sponsoring and the public would be informed through the Davie Update. Chair Pisula indicated that for six months following the January health fair a monthly health fair would be held for FAU and Broward College. The focus of these monthly fairs would be on a number of specific items which would be designed specifically for the students at the campuses. Chair Pisula commented that the Board would still be recognized with the Town as the official sponsor.

Chair Pisula indicated that he would be involved and there would be numerous meetings and he needed another representative from this Board to assist him. He explained that he might partner with Mr. Curtin who was involved with community outreach at Memorial Hospital. Chair Pisula commented that the health fair would be publicized in schools as well with the hope that many of the local schools would attend.

Ms. Tilley questioned if seniors from mobile home parks would be informed about the health fair. Chair Pisula explained that mobile home parks would be noticed, additionally, health fairs would be held at the mobile home parks. He indicated that Councilmember Starkey had indicated that she would like to see health fairs take place at the mobile home parks. This would be accomplished by mobile units, although not all the activities would take place. Chair Pisula asked that Ms. Tilley undertake the task of informing residents of her area about the health fair and questioned if she was familiar with other parks in the area. Ms. Tilley agreed to assist with informing residents in her area but explained that she was not familiar with the other parks.

5.4 Website Update

Ms. Fallahzadeh indicated that she had some difficulty with Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa's email address because the email address that she received from the board was incorrect. She indicated that she called Ms. Edwards and received the correct email address. Ms. Fallahzadeh indicated that she was able to forward to pictures along with names of the individuals in the pictures to Mr. Rosa. She was not sure if he received them because she never received a response from him.

Chair Pisula asked Ms. Fallahzadeh if she remembered to identify all the individuals in the pictures that she forwarded to Mr. Rosa. Ms. Fallahzadeh responded in the affirmative.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

A brief discussion ensued regarding a luncheon that was held by the Town annually for volunteers to the various boards. Ms. Fallahzadeh was not sure that the luncheon had been held this year. Chair Pisula agreed that the luncheon was probably not held and believed that this was due to budget issues.

Ms. Edwards informed the board that the decision had been made to have the meetings at Town Hall instead of at the police department. She explained that someone from the police department had been assigned to alternate the meetings with her; however, this individual was never available. Boardmembers had no objection to having the meetings at Town Hall.

Chair Pisula informed the board that a donation of \$100 was received from Flashback Diner and added that he would be sending a thank you letter to them.

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**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Axler referred to a number of businesses in the Town that had programs for children and suggested that if these businesses were recognized at a Town Council meeting with a certificate, this might be a way to get sponsorship contribution from those businesses. He added that the board was only in the spotlight once a year with the scholarship. The board was in favor of the idea. Chair Pisula suggested that each boardmember bring suggestions to the next meeting so that Mr. Axler could formulate a course of action.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the different times when the board made its presentation before the Town Council. It was suggested that the presentations could be made quarterly. Mr. Axler added that free tickets to an event at Cinema Paradiso would also be donated along with awards.

Mr. Curtin referred to the Anti-Violence Summit on May 26th at the Bank Atlantic Center and added that he was one of the facilitator for the break out session. A number of boardmembers indicated that they would not be able to attend.

Chair Pisula spoke of fleet week which took place Silver Ridge Elementary School. He commented that it was an unbelievable affair with funding provided by Sate Farm Insurance. Chair Pisula indicated that members of the army and the navy were involved and added that the Navy League was seeking sponsorship from State Farm to do more activities with Silver Ridge Elementary and possibly with Western High School. He indicated that he would provide the board with a status report, adding that he would try to get the board involved.

Chair Pisula advised that he was working on a grant with Memorial Hospital to get bicycle helmet and seat belts. He explained that he hoped to be able to get child safety seat check in Davie. Chair Pisula advised of a project that was carried out at McArthur High School where a dvd was completed titled Prom Promise 2010. He highlighted the events of the dvd which were very intense, adding that a premier was held at McArthur High and indicated that this would be presented at the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Conference in Orlando in June that he would be attending. Chair Pisula advised that the sheriffs' association would be at the conference and copies of the dvd would be distributed to middle school and high school students around the country. He added that SADD was now also in middle schools and the principal of Indian Ridge Middle would be happy to have the dvd distributed there. Chair Pisula indicated that he would try to get a copy of the dvd for each member of the board.

Councilmember Hattan introduced herself as the new councilmember and a teacher of special needs children. She explained that when she came on board, the first thing she did was to request that the fire department and the police department begin training as to how to deal with autistic children and adults. Both Chief Lynn and Chief Montopoli were working on this. Councilmember Hattan also referred to the board's idea of recognizing businesses with children's programs and advised that Pizza Loft was being recognized. She explained that the owner had offered use of the restaurant for a party to the parent of a special needs child. She thought that when there was presentation at a Town Council meeting, maybe the board would like to make their presentation at one of the Town Council meetings. Chair Pisula was in favor of the idea.

Councilmember Hattan commented that as a teacher she was very interested in working with this board adding that she worked on the voting committee. She referred to discussion earlier in the meeting that only mentioned Western High School and questioned if the other high schools in the Town was not involved in the activities. Chair Pisula responded in the negative explaining that he could work with any high school; however, the only school that dealt with the grant was Western High School or public schools with more than fifty percent Davie residents. He added that a safety program would encompass any school whether a charter school, public school or a private school in the Town. Chair Pisula commented that as the grant program grew it would be able to include other schools. He mentioned Nova explaining

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that most of the students were not Davie residents. Ms. Fallahzadeh commented that sixty percent of the students who attended Weston High School were Davie residents.

A brief discussion ensued regarding funds with Chair Pisula explaining that the Board had funds that was being held by the Town of Davie. He added that the Board needed to have a treasury report each time there was a meeting. Chair Pisula explained that there was \$4,000 but that amount has been reduced since the scholarship grants were awarded and he would like that to see the remaining funds transferred over to the BEF. He added that the grant program was not supposed to cost the Town at any time because it would be operated by the Board that would also be in charge of fund-raising.

Concerning the scholarship grant, Chair Pisula commented that the grant was specifically made so that the check would be written to the teachers so that teacher had control of the funds when the scholarship was awarded. Chair Pisula explained how the Board funds being held at the police department was acquired and explained that a portion of these funds was used to pay storage fees which was a total waste.

Discussion continued regarding the scholarship grant, and acquiring bicycle helmets. Councilmember Hattan advised that she would be able to provide a contact person for the board with information to acquire the bicycle helmets. She indicated that she was had information to resources and would assist the Board where needed.

Following the introduction of Boardmembers, Chair Pisula asked if the Town would be having a July 4th event. Councilmember Hattan responded in the affirmative. Boardmembers were extremely excited when Councilmember Hattan indicated that she saw their pictures on the Town's website.

Chair Pisula expressed his thanks to Councilmember Hattan for the information she provided and extended an invitation to her to attend all the board meetings.

**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Following a brief discussion, the following items were suggested for the July meeting:

- Quarterly Business Community Partnership Award
- Treasury Report
- Crashed Car at Western High School

**9. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member