

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
YOUTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6591 ORANGE DRIVE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016– 6:00 P.M.**

**Committee Members**

Tim Curtain, Chair	P
Dr. Robin Behrman	P
Stephanie Kienzle	P
Melody Chaykin	P
Tracy Schweizer	P
Linda Wood	A
Marcy Fallahzadeh	P
Nan Gault	P
Dr. Arlene Amarant	A
Rebecca Vetter	A

**ALSO PRESENT**

Jamie Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.  
Evelyn Roig, Town Clerk  
Det. Adam Granit  
Ofc. Tara Bradley  
Gillian Esquenazi, Deputy Town Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Fallahzadeh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chaykin, to excuse Ms. Wood and Dr. Amarant's absence. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**Innocence Lost National Initiative**

Det. Adam Granit provided a presentation on human trafficking. He stated they concentrated on crimes against those under 18. The federal statute was broad enough to allow them to prosecute more participants.

**Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children CSEC.**

- Street Prostitution, pornography, stripping, erotic/nude massage, phone sex lines, private parties, gang-based prostitution, interfamilial pimping, Internet prostitution.

Det. Granit discussed Backpage.com and the fact that the website reported anyone who appeared to be underage.

### **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims**

- Any minor engaged in commercial sex acts is considered a victim.
- As a victim, the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act allowed victims to be protected rather than punished, even if they participated in illegal activities, such as prostitution

### **CSEC in the US**

- 100,000-293,000 children have become commodities since 2006
- Median age for entry into porn industry 12-14
- Largest group involved-runaways
- 1.6 million kids run away every year
- 1 of every 3 teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home - 150,000 kids per year

### **Routes of sex trafficking in US**

- Tampa, Orlando and Miami origination point
- Victims are moved between cities to avoid capture

### **Pathways to Entry**

- Parents selling children, people offering to buy them
- Violence and force
- Kidnapping
- Seduction and coercion
- False advertising for modeling, acting or dancing opportunities
- Peer recruitment
- Internet enticement through chat rooms or profile sharing sites

### **Rules of the Game**

- Lie about your age
- ID is taken away
- Name is changed
- Being raped repeatedly
- Being beaten for not making enough money

- Having to give all your money away
- Having threats made against your family
- Tattoo on the neck with the name of one's abuser
- Being constantly threatened with violence
- Being trapped in an abusive and violent situation
- Having to call their abusers "Daddy"
- Having to meet nightly/monthly quotas
- Getting STDs and no medical treatment
- Getting arrested again and again

#### **Children at Risk:**

- Under 18
- Walking to school or the store alone
- Own or have access to a computer
- Are attracted to consumer goods
- Desire to develop romantic relationship
- Sometimes feel insecure
- Feel misunderstood
- Fighting with their parents

#### **Identifying Victims**

- Homeless youth
- Youths living in group homes or shelters are targeted by exploiters
- Truancy or tardiness from school may be a sign that sexual exploitation is occurring
- Family dysfunction, including abuse at home, neglect, absence of a caregiver or substance abuse

#### **Internet Sites**

- Backpage.com
- MyRedBook
- Eros
- Craigslist

#### **Myths and Misconceptions**

- Child knew what he/she was getting into
- Child is a criminal
- Victim was paid for service
- Child has freedom of movement
- US citizens can't be trafficked
- It's not trafficking if they're related to their abusers
- It's not trafficking unless they are moved cross borders
- Victims trafficked within a state not eligible for federal assistance

Det. Granit described a case in Davie in which Tyler Wardlow took advantage of one runaway and one foster child. He met two underage girls on Face Book and told them they would be in his rap videos. He then sold them on Backpge.com. He also produced child porn with them. Wardlow originally said he would split the money with the girls but started taking it all within a week. He became violent when they did not want to work. He was charged with child porn and sex trafficking minors. He was tried and sentenced to 17.5 years in federal prison, 20 years' probation and sex offender status for the rest of his life.

Ms. Roig asked if a particular ethnic group was affected more and if laws were up to the technology. Det. Granit replied that trafficking affected all ethnic groups and laws were good; the issue was getting victims to cooperate. Victims were not mature enough to understand that the money wasn't worth it. He stated technology plays a big role in crimes against children in general.

Ms. Fallahzadeh asked the success rate of the program. Det. Granit stated they conducted Operation Cross Country with the FBI nationwide. This year, they had recovered 15 juveniles over the course of one week in that program.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 November 9, 2015**

**Motion** made by Ms. Chaykin, seconded by Ms. Gault to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.1 Davie Update News Release**

Ms. Roig provided copies of the release to Committee members.

#### **4.2 Donations & Account Balance**

Ms. Roig provided spreadsheets of YESAC balances, expenditures and revenue. She reminded the Committee that \$421 from the Broward Education Foundation would be added.

Ms. Chaykin asked how they resolved the issue of the chess grant to the school when the teacher who applied left. Chair Curtin said the school was committed to going forward with another teacher.

#### **4.3 Scheduling of Flakka Informational Session for February**

Ms. Roig stated the meeting could be on 2/22 or 2/29. She was unsure if it would be at Town Hall or Broward College. Committee members had no conflicts with either date.

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Annual Sponsorship Application Revisions**

Committee members reviewed the sponsorship rewards and applications and suggested edits, which Ms. Roig agreed to make and redistribute.

The Committee agreed:

- No donor logos would appear on the Town's website
- Donors would be acknowledged at media events and at a Town Council meeting

Ms. Chaykin asked if Mayor Paul would write another cover letter and Ms. Roig said the Mayor had already agreed.

### **5.2 Annual Grant Application Revisions**

The Committee agreed to:

- Remove question 4.6 regarding volunteers
- Remove 6.8 regarding Common Core
- School principal must approve the project for which funds were sought
- The Committee should be made aware of any changes, such as if the recipient who applied for the grant is no longer available to implement the project
- A requirement to attach a budget spreadsheet

Charles Webster, Broward County Public Schools, agreed that a principal's signature should be required because he was unsure a teacher could obligate a school to implement a program.

Ms. Roig agreed to make the changes the Committee suggested and email them the revised forms to review.

### **5.3 Orange Blossom Parade Discussion**

Mr. Roig informed the Committee that there was no more space for the Committee to get a table at the event this year. The Committee agreed to get a table next year and also to join the parade.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

### **7.1 Florida Sunshine Law, Allan Weinthal, Town Attorney's Office**

Ms. Roig reported someone from the Town Attorney's office would provide the Committee with a briefing at their next meeting.

## **8. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

8.1 2016 YESAC Meetings:

Monday, March 28, 2016

Monday, May 23, 2016

Monday, July 25, 2016

Monday, September 26, 2016

Monday, November 28, 2016

## **9. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Fallahzadeh asked about having students participate in the Committee. Chair Curtin explained that the Committee must decide as a group if they wished a youth representative

and they must agree on the process and terms of such an appointment. He suggested this be put on the Committee's next agenda.

Mr. Webster reported:

- Ed Talk had been held the previous week and over 700 people had attended.
- The next conversation with the School District would be 1/28 on at Hallandale High School, followed by 2/25 at Everglades, 3/3 at Dillard and 4/14 at Stoneman Douglas.
- The second Annual Conference on Parent Engagement would be on 3/5 at Piper High.
- Next Move Chess certification training for grades above third was coming up.
- "The Chess Lady" had visited 20 area schools the previous week.
- As of the previous week, Stranahan and Northeast High submittals had been received; he anticipated a submittal from Blanch Ely this week.
- He provided the Committee with information on literacy efforts.

Chair Curtin had attended the Coalition of Education Advisory Boards several weeks ago. There had been presentations on advocacy and literacy. The next meeting would involve best practices and collaborative efforts.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Committee Member