

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S**

**MAY 19, 2009**

A Youth Week Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:08 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL**

Mayor Rose Heck invited the Youth Week Mayor and Council to come forward and conduct the Youth Week Council Meeting. Heather Held took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Jhanna Arias stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting having been made to all members of the Council by personal service on May 13, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on May 13, 2009.

Youth Week Mayor Held requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Arias conduct a Roll Call:

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Lisa Crabbe (*Councilman DiPisa*), Mounia Deodatos (*Councilman DiNanno*), Ashlee Trent (*Councilman Altobelli*), Lauren Klenk (*Councilwoman Buckman*), Christine Whelan (*Councilman Gonzalez*), Kristen Hohnecker (*Councilwoman Link*)

Absent: Councilman DiPisa

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Youth Week Mayor Held led in the Salute to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS:**

Youth Week Mayor Held asked each Youth Week Councilperson to present their Commendations and Proposals.

***Councilman DiPisa- Lisa Crabbe***

**Commendation** - I would like to commend Mrs. Rose Sees for organizing youth week with our student council. Every year she makes sure our students have the best experience. These town council meetings enable us to see what goes on in our town. Thank yo for continuing this tradition.

**Proposal** - During the summer nights everyone looks for things to do to get us out of the house. I suggest that we implement "Movie Nights" at the park or at one of the fields. This would be a great family activity that will bring positive summer memories for everyone. This would be the closest think to visiting a drive-in theatre. Hoboken has offered this to their community and it seems to be a great success.

***Councilman DiNanno- Mounia Deodatos***

**Commendation-** I would like to congratulate the town council on the most recent Hasbrouck Heights street festival. It was a nice event that everyone enjoyed. It's nice to see the town's people get together and celebrate this community. I think it was a huge success and hope it becomes an annual tradition.

**Proposal-** I would like to suggest that someone oversee the businesses that come into our community. There seems to be an abundance of the same type of business. We need to encourage future business people. I think there are enough hair salons and Chinese restaurants. Let's try to discourage any more repeat business.

***Councilman Altobelli - Ashlee Trent***

**Commendation** –I would like to commend the town's involvement in the Rau Fitzgerald Run. It was a great success and it seemed to be enjoyed by all that participated. It's great the way the town and the schools get together to make a successful event. Thank you to all that participated and made this a successful event.

**Proposal** –I propose that we review the streets of Hasbrouck Heights. There seems to be plenty of holes and old curbs that could use some repair.

***Councilwoman Buckman - Lauren Klenk***

**Commendation** - I would like to commend Rob Brady for being such a great recreation director. He does a terrific job in organizing youth activities for all of our young citizens. The sports are also successful. They enable us to grow into victorious young athletes.

**Proposal** - A few years back we had a battle of the bands. It was a terrific way to showcase the young talent in Hasbrouck Heights. I suggest making a similar night of assorted talent. The bands and the musicians could showcase their talent. There are many young talented teenagers who would love to share their talent with each other. The schools have talent shows but this would include all teenagers who may attend other schools.

**Councilman Gonzalez – Christine Whelan**

**Commendation** - I would like to thank the town of Hasbrouck Heights for installing the bathrooms at Woodland Park. They look great and are a terrific addition to the park.

**Proposal** – I would like to suggest giving blue recycling bins to all the residents. This would make the recycling procedure easier for everyone involved. If the town cannot afford these bins, I suggest that we sell the bins to any resident who wants one.

**Councilwoman Link - Kristin Hohnecker**

**Commendation-** I would like to thank the recreation program along with the town council for supporting the softball program in our community. This program has provided a feeder program for the Middle School and the High School. This has improved our playwers who will play for our High School.

**Proposal-** The streets of Hasbrouck Heights are too dark. The street lights need to be placed on the dark streets so that it is safer for the pedestrians. I go to other towns and see that their side streets are lit. Do you think our side streets can be better illuminated?

All of the Commendations and Proposals were unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck congratulated the Youth Week Mayor and Council on a job well done. She also made a recommendation that they attend a council meeting to see how it is conducted. Superintendent of School Joseph Luongo said if they did, they would receive community service hours. The Youth Week students were also congratulated for their participation as the following:

*Police Chief Michael Colaneri - John DeLorenzo*  
*Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski and EMS Elizabeth Waring - Andrew Waring*  
*Chief Financial Officer Michael Kronyak - Kristen Hohnecker*  
*Tax Collector Conchita Parker - Ashlee Trent*  
*Recreation Director Rob Brady - Jessie Bunone & Aundrea Georgatos*  
*Library Director Mimi Hui - Kryuree Park*  
*Children's Librarian Rosalie Nickles - Lauren Klenk and Sam Guerra*

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk