

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

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

MAY 25, 2010

A Youth Week Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 8:06 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

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

Youth Week Borough Clerk Amanda Link 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 January 4, 2010 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2010.

Youth Week Mayor Trent requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Link conduct a Roll Call:

ROLL CALL: Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Tom Nicoletti (*Councilman DiPisa*), Lauren Klenk (*Councilwoman Buckman*), Kelly Colozzo (*Councilman Gonzalez*), Kristen Hohnecker (*Councilwoman Link*), Dylan Hickey (*Councilman Dingertopadre*), Cristian Ocampo (*Councilman Lipari*)

Absent: Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Gonzalez

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

Youth Week Mayor Trent introduced the Distinguished Guests and their Counterparts:

*Police Chief Michael Colaneri - Mike Maniscalco
1st Asst. Fire Chief Richard Giarratana - Gabe Segura
EMS Elizabeth Waring - Andrew Waring
Chief Financial Officer Michael Kronyak - Roland Gomez
Tax Collector Conchita Parker - Joey Crabbe
Recreation Director Rob Brady - Pat Cole and Kevin Condal
Library Director Mimi Hui - Chris Kong*

Children's Librarian Rosalie Nickles - Cristian Ocampo and Jayden Patel
Guest of Observer for Connie Doheny - Tom Nicoletti

COMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS: Youth Week Mayor Trent asked each Youth Week Councilperson to present their Commendations and Proposals.

Councilman DiPisa- Tom Nicoletti

Commendation- I would like to commend Mrs. Sees for organizing the youth week town Council every year. She makes our experience, on this evening, positive and rewarding.

On a motion by Councilman Hickey, seconded by Councilwoman Klenk, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal- I would like to propose a fall festival for our town. This year's street fair was amazing. It would be a nice tradition to also have one during the fall. With back to school and Halloween in mind, the town could have a Fall Festival. This truly brings our community together.

On a motion by Councilwoman Hohnecker, seconded by Councilwoman Klenk, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

Councilwoman Buckman- Lauren Klenk

Commendation- I would like to commend the 2010 Town day. This event was even better than last year. Hasbrouck Heights residents did not only attend it, many other towns supported this event.

On a motion by Councilman Nicoletti, seconded by Councilman Hickey, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal- I feel that the two-hour parking limit should be re-evaluated. There are many households who have more than two cars. This law is unfair and does not help our community at all. I understand that in the business district this needs to be enforced. I do not think it should be in residential areas.

On a motion by Councilman Nicoletti, seconded by Councilman Hickey, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

Councilman Gonzalez –Kelly Colozzo

Commendation-I would like to thank the community for passing our school budget. With all the cuts that our state government has brought to us, our community recognized the importance of education. Because of the support our residents gave, our schools were able to limit the amount of cuts anticipated.

On a motion by Councilwoman Klenk, seconded by Councilman Hickey, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal – I propose to make a Town Community Service. This would be separate from the high school requirements. This would focus on service in our town. It would be made up of students and adults that have pride in our town. Their services could include clean-up, food bank, baby sitting service as well as helping our senior citizens. With this service in mind, I suggest the Library would have a coffee bar that would help supplement the funds for the community service department. The library is a place where people now go to read, work on a computer or find a quiet place to think. The coffee bar would be a welcome addition. The Community Service would run this program. On a motion by Councilwoman Klenk, seconded by Councilwoman Hohnecker, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

Councilwoman Link-Kristen Hohnecker

Commendation-I would like to commend the paving of Jefferson Avenue. It was well needed and is truly appreciated.

On a motion by Councilwoman Colozzo, seconded by Councilman Hickey, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal- I propose the making of an outdoor volleyball court for our residents. Beach Volleyball is an outstanding way to keep in shape. Men and women, as well as all age groups would benefit from this activity. We could host tournaments and have intramural teams. When the weather is nice, everyone tends to exercise outside. This would be a competitive sport that is beneficial to all residents.

On a motion by Councilwoman Klenk, seconded by Councilman Hickey, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

Councilman Dingertopadre- Dylan Hickey

Commendation- I would like to thank the community for events such as Town day and the Holiday parade. These are memorable events which bring our community together besides being extremely fun.

On a motion by Councilwoman Colozzo, seconded by Councilman Nicoletti, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal- As a high school student I find a lack of community activities. We are encouraged to stay off the streets. There is a teen center, but that seems to attract the middle school students. I suggest a high aged committee that would work on events and activities to attract the high school crowd.

On a motion by Councilwoman Klenk, seconded by Councilwoman Hohnecker, with Councilman Nicoletti voting Nay, explaining that there are many openings for students to hang out and if you open a place it could prove dangerous, and Councilwoman Colozzo explaining that she agreed with Mr. Nicoletti, high school students have a different kind of mind set and there are many things for high school students in the area and bringing them together could be chaotic, voting Nay, and all others voting Yes, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

Councilman Lipari- Christian Ocampo

Commendation –I would like to all the food venders at this year’s town Day. Every ethnic group was represented. It was the best assortment of food vender I have ever seen. Everything was looked fresh and smelled delicious.

On a motion by Councilman Hickey, seconded by Councilwoman Hohnecker, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Commendation was accepted.

Proposal –I would like to suggest the return of the Bike Marathon. This event has been missed by the youth of Hasbrouck Heights. I, personally, have never experienced The Bike Marathon. Ever since the track was renovated, we have not been able to have it. I suggest the closing of streets around Woodland Park. The students could camp in the park, while riding their bikes in the closed streets. Or possibly use the swim club parking lot and the baseball field. If it cannot be an annual event, at least make it a bi-annual one.

On a motion by Councilwoman Klenk, seconded by Councilwoman Colozzo, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Superintendent of School Joseph Luongo, 365 Boulevard, referring to the Bicycle Race, which he said was a great event and if we could do it, we should. He challenged Chief Colaneri to come up with an alternative.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Youth Week Mayor Trent asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilwoman Colozzo, seconded by Councilwoman Hohnecker and unanimously carried.

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk