

**YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM**  
**1 SCHOOL STREET**  
**July 20, 2010**  
**6:45 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

**PRESENT:**

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Bob Korin, Lisa Bergh, Kate Shea, Kristin Nauheimer, Jane Kraver and Devon Pedone. Hilda Delucia, Pro-Access Teen Center Director, Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director and Selectman, Richard Straiton was also present.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Hilda Delucia read an e-mail letter from First Selectman Knickerbocker (see attached).

Selectman, Richard Straiton was asked by the Chairman to attend our meeting in order for him to give the Youth Commission a tour of the vacated VNA space downstairs.

Bob Korin made a motion to recess the meeting in order to tour the VNA space. Motion was seconded by Kate Shea, Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Meeting recessed at 6:50PM

Bob Korin made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:08 PM. Motion seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Selectman Straiton stated that he believes the VNA is a great viable space. He personally feels its time for the Pro-Access Teen Center to have a home.

Discussion continued regarding possession of the VNA space. Richard Merritt made a motion to establish the Youth Commission's priorities in regards to a location for the Teen Center as #1 A new building, #2 VNA space, #3 Old Town Hall, and finally the Masonic Temple as not an acceptable location or viable option. As an interim step the VNA location would be utilized during construction of the new building.

Motion was seconded by Devon Pedone, Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kate Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010. Motion was seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. June 15, 2010 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Hilda Delucia presented the Directors Report (see attached). She noted a 32% increase in enrollment. Hilda reported that the "lockout" was a huge success. The cost of the coach bus was covered through a grant, those participating in the event paid \$50.00. The activities started at 9:00PM with a trip to Waterbury for laser tag and pizza and soda, then back to Danbury to the movie theater at 12:05AM, then on to Brookfield Lanes where they opened the Bowling Alley just for the teens at 3:00AM. The lockout event ended with a trip to a local diner for breakfast. Ideas for future events were discussed, the lockout was successful enough to warrant a repeat in the future whether it be with another grant if available or with fund raising money if needed. Lake Compounce is being considered, Rich Merritt suggested a possible trip to the Ice Arena in Danbury for a Hockey Game. Kristin's sister will be a certified Zumba teacher by August; Hilda will be in contact with Lauren Nauheimer to make possible arrangements.

Bob Korin was excused at 7:50PM due to a prior commitment.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Merritt noted that the Comcast/Bethel Pro-Access Teen show contract will be coming to an end. Due to lack of interest, the contract will not be renewed at this time. This will be revisited at a later time. Hilda discussed the need for a publicist, Kate Shea might know of someone, and will look into it.

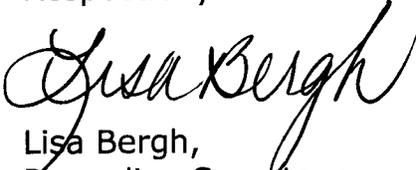
**NEW BUSINESS:** Ideas were discussed in regards to welcoming home our Bethel troops from the military. Yellow balloons and a sign from the Pro-Access teens would be a nice welcome home thanking them for their service. A list of names would be needed and Hilda will be contacting several people who may be of assistance in this area.

An idea for fundraising might be selling of balloons to be placed at High School graduates homes in June.

It was noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 17, 2010.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Kraver, the motion was seconded by Lisa Bergh. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,  
Recording Secretary

## Hilda DeLucia

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**From:** Matt Knickerbocker [knickerbockerm@betheltownhall.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2010 11:47 AM  
**To:** Hilda DeLucia  
**Subject:** Re: Space  
**Attachments:** Matt Knickerbocker.vcf

Hi, Hilda,

I believe we will have a solid direction before the end of August, but I'm sorry I cannot give you details right now. Still waiting for cost estimates on both the VNA space, the Masonic Lodge and the old town hall (yes, that one is still on the table. I've asked for a cost estimate of gutting the inside lower level to open up the space to make it more appropriate for teen use as well as put in an area for a kitchen).

I'll try to give you a call later today and we can chat more.

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>>> On 7/20/2010 at 8:32 AM, in message  
>>> <004201cb2807\$afbb7050\$0f3250f0\$@net>,  
"Hilda DeLucia" <[hildadelucia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hildadelucia@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:  
> Matt, I'm having a Youth Commission meeting tonight. Can you please  
> tell me the status on the VNA space and the details about the use of  
> the \$150,000? I'm hopeful that by the end of August there will be  
> some final resolution regarding a permanent space for the teens. Hilda

**May 19, 2010 - June 15, 2010  
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

|                                       | Activity               | Date | Attendees | Comments                           |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1                                     | \$5 Manicures          | 5/19 | 3         |                                    |
| 2                                     | Movies at Lowes        | 5/20 | 1         |                                    |
| 3                                     | Comcast Filming        | 5/25 | 4         |                                    |
| 4                                     | Manhunt                | 5/28 | 69        |                                    |
| 5                                     | \$5 Manicures          | 6/2  | 5         |                                    |
| 6                                     | Capture the Flag       | 6/4  | 2         |                                    |
| 7                                     | Relay for Life Meeting | 6/7  | 18        |                                    |
| 8                                     | Relay for Life Event   | 6/12 | 19        |                                    |
| 9                                     | Smoothies and Games    | 6/15 | 2         |                                    |
| Total participants served in May/June |                        |      | 123       | Avg. = 14 participants per program |

During this same period (mid May -- mid June) of 2009 233 participants were served with 20 programs for an average of 12 participants per program.

(Cooking Program with 7 participants. Rock Concert with 68 attendees. Comcast Training 4 members. Famous Pizza 18 attendees)

**June 16, 2010 - July 20, 2010  
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

|  | Activity                        | Date        | Attendees | Comments                             |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1                                      | Pantene's Beautiful Lengths     | 6/17        | 3         |                                      |
| 2                                      | Breakfast at Jacquelines        | 6/18        | 6         |                                      |
| 3                                      | Student Advisory Meeting        | 6/21        | 5         |                                      |
| 4                                      | Comcast Filming                 | 6/22        | 4         |                                      |
| 5                                      | Screen on the Green Movie Night | 6/23        | 23        |                                      |
| 6                                      | Nighttime Scavenger Hunt        | 6/25        | 14        |                                      |
| 7                                      | Massages and Smoothies          | 6/28        | 0         |                                      |
| 8                                      | Midnight Showing of Eclipse     | 6/29        | 23        |                                      |
| 9                                      | \$5 Manicures                   | 7/7         | 8         |                                      |
| 10                                     | Manhunt                         | 7/9         | 10        | Went for ice cream and rollerblading |
| 11                                     | Highlights at Escape Salon      | 7/13        | 7         |                                      |
| 12                                     | Lockout                         | 7/16 - 7/17 | 29        |                                      |
| 13                                     | Elephant Decorating Project     | 7/19        | 4         |                                      |
| Total participants served in June/July |                                 |             | 136       | Avg. = 10 participants per program   |

During this same period (mid June - mid July) of 2009 275 participants were served with 20 programs for an average of 14 participants per program.

(Journey to Work 15 participants - Cooking Program 7 participants - Matinee Movie 9 & 11 attendees - Games at Parloa 13 & 10 participants - Sportsplex - 20 - Harry Potter Midnight Show 20 participants)

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

I. Membership Update:

| Grade            | June/July '10 membership | Girls                               | Boys | May '10 membership | Girls   | Boys | June/July # of members          |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------------------|---------|------|---------------------------------|
|                  |                          |                                     |      |                    | May '10 |      |                                 |
| 7                | 3                        | 3                                   |      |                    |         |      | 5                               |
| 8                | 55                       | 29                                  | 26   | 49                 | 26      | 23   | 46                              |
| Freshman         | 77                       | 42                                  | 35   | 72                 | 39      | 33   | 90                              |
| Sophomore        | 108                      | 37                                  | 71   | 108                | 37      | 71   | 49                              |
| Juniors          | 51                       | 13                                  | 38   | 51                 | 13      | 38   | 47                              |
| Seniors          | 64                       | 19                                  | 45   | 64                 | 19      | 45   | 33                              |
| Grads            | (43)                     | 12                                  | 31   | 41                 | 10      | 31   |                                 |
| Totals           | 401 (358)                | 155                                 | 246  | 385                | 144     | 241  | 270                             |
| TOTAL COMPARISON |                          | 25% decrease without counting grads |      |                    |         |      | 32% increase from June/July '09 |

II. Program Attendance (see report below)

III. Events/Programs for discussion

1. Movie Night
2. Lockout
3. Summer attendance/August suggestion
4. Mailing costs