

**TOWN OF DAVIE
YOUTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6591 ORANGE DRIVE
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tim Curtin, Chair	P
Marcy Fallahzadeh, Vice Chair	P
Dr. Arlene Amarant	P
Dr. Robin Behrman	A
Melody Chaykin	P
Nan Gault	P
Tracy Schweitzer	P

ALSO PRESENT

Evelyn Roig, Town Clerk
Jeff Pohlman, Town of Davie, Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Department
Rochelle Kelvos, Town of Davie, Aquatics Coordinator
Mona Laventure, Prototype, Inc.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

Vice Chair Linda Wood resigned due to personal issues. Chair Curtin nominated Marcy Fallahzadeh for the new Vice Chair for her strong commitment to Youth, Education, and Safety initiatives in Davie.

Motion made by Chair Curtin, seconded by Ms. Chaykin, to name Marcy Fallahzadeh as Vice Chair. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Roig stated that a list of vacancies for this Committee has been sent to the Council for their consideration for appointment.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Safer by 4 Program, Jeff Pohlman and Rochelle Kelvos, Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Department

Mr. Pohlman gave a PowerPoint presentation on water safety, local programs, and county-wide initiatives. He showed a video from one of the swim lessons at the Betty Booth Roberts pool. There are two pools in Davie, the other is at the Pine Island Aquatic

and Fitness facility.

- #SaferBy4 Initiative, a Broward County Initiative, is a public awareness campaign to reduce preventable deaths in children under the age of 4
- In-house swim lesson programs
- Swim Central lessons, a Broward County Initiative

Chair Curtin noted that a lot is done with the kids at PAL and HOPE Outreach, and asked if they at least get an assessment every year. Ms. Kelvos said definitely, they use Betty Booth Pool and Pine Island in the winter. Chair Curtin also asked about Code Enforcement regarding locked gates at multi-family pools. Ms. Kelvos said that is both Town and County, depending on jurisdiction. Also mentioned was the Fire Department's involvement with Direct On-scene Education (DOE) training where, basically, a ticket is written if an unsecured gate is discovered when the Department is out on a call.

- Public awareness campaign includes local press and pamphlets at every town event and when Fire Department goes out on calls
- Direct On-scene Education (DOE) by Fire Department is not only pool safety but also crib safety, as safe sleep is part of the #SaferBy4 campaign
- Mommy & Me program for infants starting at six-months old
- April Pools Day event promotes water safety
- Scholarships for lower fees to parents who cannot afford swim lessons
- Statistics:
 - 1,100 individual children received 8 lessons each
 - Swim Central for an additional 1,400 individual children, receiving 10 lessons each

Mr. Pohlman showed a video of participation in the world's largest swim lesson last year, a world-wide swim lesson to break the Guinness Book record. Just under 100 local kids participated in the 30-minute, set time, free swim lesson/water safety instruction.

Mr. Pohlman stated that the CRA has provided funds for major park upgrade, including the Betty Booth Roberts pool with two new water slides and higher fence line around the pool.

Dr. Amarant asked about the salt water pool, Ms. Kelvos explained at Pine Island they make their own chlorine (sodium hypochlorite), which is much less strong than commercial grade, and not harmful to skin, hair, bathing suits.

Ms. Fallahzede wondered why the Kindergarten class at Flamingo Elementary went to Plantation for their lessons, Ms. Kelvos explained it's a County program, so it all depends on available busing.

Chair Curtin thanked Mr. Pohlman and Ms. Kelvos for the presentation and their enthusiasm for the serious business behind these projects. One question: what could YESAC do to further the message throughout the community? Ms. Kelvos stressed education of parents, teaching supervision and safety. Drowning is not an accident; parents are unfortunately to blame because they are not educated. Swimming is a vital life skill. Mr. Pohlman also stressed the earlier the better for swimming and basic water safety training. Discussion followed on the many functions where pamphlets and #SaferBy4 flyers could be distributed. Dr. Amarant suggested giving the materials to stores and pool maintenance companies where people buy chemicals for their pools.

Dr. Amarant suggested a poster contest for K-1 students, since they are coming in

for the swimming lessons, and they can tell everybody. Chair Curtin said if the Committee was in agreement, they could expend up to \$100-\$150 on a poster contest, with winners recognized at a Commission Meeting, spurring interest and attention to the issue. Ms. Roig suggested that the Committee come up with criteria and then Mr. Pohlman and his staff could participate in the process. Chair Curtin thought right around April Pools Day would be a good time. No motion is needed at this time. Ms. Roig said that Staff will work on coming up with something in time for March meeting, or sooner if needed. Mr. Pohlman added that April Pools Day is Saturday, April 8th, at Pine Island Aquatic Center.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 November 28, 2016, Meeting Minutes

- Chair Curtin commented that no information had yet been received from Mr. Webster at the School District.
- Item 5.1, the Grants Ceremony was January 18th; it was a very nice night, and thanks to the Committee Members who were able to attend.
- Staff corrections, under New Business, the correct spelling of the program is FLAKKA.
- Item 7, FLAKKA, Dr. Amarant said it was Coral Springs, not Cross Springs, where the murders were.
- Staff stated that the minutes date is correct, it is the Agenda date that is not.

Motion made by Ms. Fallazadeh, seconded by Ms. Chaykin to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016, meeting, as corrected. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Returning to the topics of the evening's presentation and Chess in Schools, Chair Curtin wondered perhaps the Committee should take a step back and look at a plan, and if there might be grants available for youth education and safety. Perhaps funds could buy locks for fences at multi-family pools, support swimming safety. Perhaps the Committee wants to create a strategy to follow for the next year or so on how to identify and tackle matters that families and children deal with. Ms. Schweitzer stated that part of Drowning Prevention Committee's visits to homes hands out alarms to put on doors, but that's a Broward County initiative. Ms. Chaykin wondered about Federal or State grants to the different communities and Staff suggested perhaps there is funding for low-income families through the Town. Some discussion followed as to which kids are covered in these programs, and if every single one is educated in water safety. Staff will reach out to Chief Downey and get back to the Committee with more information.

5. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Roig had no reports or action items, but mentioned she would include the #SaferBy4 program poster contest as a future initiative in the Annual Report. Ms. Roig did mention a meeting with the Mayor to go over the criteria for the \$10,000 funding from the Community Endowment allocated for schools for competitions, and she will report back for action and/or guidance. Chair Curtin asked if the Mayor was going to release a scholarship, and Ms. Roig said she would also be asking about that.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Amarant expressed concern over the need for more police in the schools. There is one police person handling seven schools, and he rotates. Dr. Amarant spoke with Chief Lynn who said there are two openings for school police officers, and he hopes they will be filled soon. Dr. Amarant related an incident at Silver Ridge where bullets were heard in the hallway as part of a training (children were not on campus). Chair Curtin explained it was purposely not announced so that the teachers attending would be surprised and the practice would have the most effect. Discussion followed as to how many officers are at the high schools, and that the new officers are designated for the elementary schools, three officers for seven schools is pretty much the norm. Ms. Roig said she would get the numbers; also the Town Administrator stated that there is a Juvenile Officer dedicated to Juvenile, contracted by the Davie Police Department, and that she would get that officer to come speak to the Committee. Dr. Amarant also asked how much one police person costs to be in one school, and can the schools be made more secure with locking fences, etc. Staff will get that information as well, but that the latter is a matter for the School Board. Discussion continued about single entry procedures at the schools, with Dr. Amarant asking for more information, particularly about Silver Ridge.

Chair Curtin passed around a newspaper article about the Plantation schools sponsoring a sort of fair for parents and community about all the different schools in Plantation, public, charter, and private. Chair Curtin thought that was a clever idea and perhaps it is something Davie might like to look at.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Poster Contest – The Committee started basic discussion to get an idea of what could be considered in terms of prizes, cash or awards; involving the Mayor for presentations at the Commission Meeting; which Committee members want to be on the rating committee to judge them, or should Park staff make those decisions. The target group is K-1, it is part of the curriculum, but parents and community education is the goal. Parks & Rec has the expertise with messaging, who should be reached, and how. Ms. Roig said she would meet with Parks & Rec with all the suggestions being made and contact the Committee by email with the information.
- Discussion on moving the date of the next meeting forward to promote the poster contest in time for April Pools Day. It was decided to meet Monday, February 27th, instead of March 27th.
- Consider changing meeting time from 6:00 back to 6:30. Staff will check to see if the Committee Ordinance allows for a change without going back to Council.
- Orange Blossom – Not known if anything is being done by YESAC. Ms. Roig will find out.
- YESAC Brochure – Perhaps the Committee wants to do one this year.

9. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 2017 YESAC Meetings:

Monday, February 27, 2017, changed from March 27, 2017

Monday, April 24, 2017

Monday, July 24, 2017

Monday, October 23, 2017

10. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Committee Member