

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council Meeting

October 25, 2007

Members Present

Billy Collins
Abe Hassan
Kirk Hayes
Doug Hubbard
Peter Jessen-Howard
Sheldon Jensen
Becky Johnson
David MacKenzie
Rick Polanski

Members Absent

Andrew Freeberg
Dale Maristuen EA
Dean Shawbold EA
Jody Yungers EA

Staff/Guests Present

Bob Bierscheid, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
Mary Jo Gardner, WIB Staff
Kathy Kittel, Saint Paul Public Schools
Kate Raleigh, WIB Staff
Jeff Schmedeke, HHH Job Corps Center
Cate Smith-Edlund, HHH Job Corps Center
Wendy Underwood, Saint Paul Mayor's Office
Terry Zurn, Workforce Solutions

Call to Order

Kirk Hayes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. This meeting also served as the HHH Job Corps Industry Council. During introductions, Wendy Underwood from the City of Saint Paul Mayor's Office explained her new duties as workforce liaison where she will continue to work closely with the WIB and Youth Council. Several individuals were present from Job Corps, as the second half of this meeting served as the Industry Council.

Approve Minutes

Motion made by David MacKenzie with second by Sheldon Jensen to approve the August 23rd minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Update on St. Paul's Summer Youth Program

Bob Bierscheid, Director of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, attended the meeting to give the Council an update on the City's summer youth program. Over the summer the City served 510 youth with CDBG and legislative funding by getting them meaningful employment. The youth were ages 14-21 and worked at over 100 job sites, including Public Works, Parks and Recreation, libraries, recreation centers, nonprofits and small business. The youth were taught soft skills and were placed at their job site in relation to where they lived, so transportation wouldn't be as much of a problem. The average wage at placement was \$6.15 for the younger youth and \$7 for the older youth. Additionally, both Saint Paul and the Youth Council are interested in developing a program like the "Step Up" program in Minneapolis where youth obtain employment in the private sector. The WIB and City will be partnering in this initiative, and Wendy Underwood, Saint Paul Mayor's Office, will be of great assistance in this project.

Oversight Update

This was held until the next meeting.

Other

None.

Adjourn

Motion made by Sheldon Jensen with second by Peter Jessen Howard to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Motion carried.

Next Meeting: December 20, Ramsey County Workforce Center Saint Paul