

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Human Services Commission
Meeting
March 3, 2004

Commission Members Present: Trisha Svehla, Barbara Ryan and Karen Chyna

Commission Members Absent: John Page, Sonja Cimera, and Mike Kubes II.

Staff Liaison: Andrew J. Matejcek

Meeting Opened at 7:38 by Chair Trisha Svehla.

Minutes for January and February 2004 were approved.

Trisha Svehla attended a meeting with Elsa Fischer, Director of Recreation for the Park District. Elsa shared the results of a study conducted on various aspects of a possible skateboard park and will forward the results to the Human Services Commission.

Elsa had also discussed the decline in participation in dances that were held for middle-school aged youth. The first Dance held had about 50 participants the second had 80 and the last one saw only 20 participants in attendance. The Park District continues to offer an array of recreational activities targeted at youth, however some programs do not make a go of it due to low sign-up or low ongoing participation.

Trisha had met with several members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and through them had extended an invitation to the Leadership Academy to attend the February Commission meeting.

Although none of the members of the Leadership Academy had attended the February meeting, Karen Chyna will contact Barb Wysocki and follow up with her in an effort to involve the youth in providing input to the commission.

Plans were discussed for identifying contacts for various members of the Partnership for Healthier Communities and beginning the process to fill the vacancy on the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Minutes written and submitted by Andrew J. Matejcek, Staff Liaison.