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Name of Group: Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board (NYAB) Date: March 24, 2011
in Attendance: 19

Attendee comments:

- As far as taxes, how much of that makes up our budget?
- The PTC brings in a lot of taxes. So, why are we still in the negative?
- They say in order to make money; you have to spend it first. Do we do any of that?
- Would you say that you can use some of our deficit spending to get the City out of the deficit?
- Can we help businesses out like the federal government bailed out companies like GM that went under?
- Can we cut back the small business loan program and use that towards the deficit? Or does that, in its self bring in money? Can we make the criteria stricter?
- I think that making it harder means that they really have to work for it.
- If you did keep the program the same or give out more loans, could that help the businesses to become successful, which would help us because they are making more money?
- What if we offer smaller loans to small businesses?
- Could we combine City services or schools with Newport News?
- Is the SPCA joint with Newport News and Hampton?
- Are they going out of the euthanizing business because it is not profitable or because the no longer want to? Are we going to get into the business of euthanizing animals?
- What can youth do to help Hampton's Economy?
- Is there any chance we could open a medical center that was run by the government? Could that help to bring in jobs and help the City economically?
- We prefer a "mall" over the PTC because they have expensive restaurants, meters for parking, expensive stores, stores not geared towards youth. You have to walk outside to go to another store when it rains, some stores don't offer bags.
- They should build a mall over at Fort Monroe.
- If I work at a store in PTC vs. a store in Patrick Henry mall, who would gain my tax revenue?
- What is the City doing to attract more business in the City? Not just for college age or young adults, but businesses geared towards older individuals?
- With new businesses coming into the City, are we balancing out with the number of businesses that are going out of business or moving out of the City?
- What is the City looking at to attract young/college age people?
- Phoebus would be a great place to bring in new economic development for young, college age people
- I like Hampton because of the laid back feeling. I feel that Wal-Mart seems to be the biggest gathering point.
- We don't have local/in your neighborhood establishments where people can get together. It is not convenient for them to drive to the center of town (To PTC for example).
- We, as parents, would like more events at the local community centers for our children to gather. There is security and programming.

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- So could the City provide more funding to youth groups? Groups like us are actually doing things. We, however, don't see the money that we need to really make a large impact. We are an investment.
- Special taxes go to building roads so why can't we have taxes that go towards other things like building basketball courts?
- I was at a meeting and mentioned before that we need to participate. Do the youth actually participate to have their voices heard? It seems the City is making an effort to reach out to the youth so they need to participate and take advantage of the open-mindedness of the City.
- The city has a large population of older citizens, they complain about crime, but if the youth and community centers received more funding then there would be less crime because these kids that they are complaining about could be involved in an activity, in a community center, and off the street.
- Is there anything involved in Community Coordination like AARP, NAACP of Hampton, etc.?
- Is there a way we can make the national park at Fort Monroe youth friendly?
- Is there some type of neighborhood function that could reach out to the students at Hampton University? Is there a commissioner that is responsible for HU?
- The city needs to try harder to let as many people as possible know about these meetings and events. We should tap into Facebook, libraries, schools, community centers, etc.
- I don't hear about ANYTHING that happens within the City unless I hear about it from the Teen Center. They need to work harder at really marketing events.
- If the youth were to generate any ideas would it have any affect?
- There is a lack of programming at the Teen center and that is why teens typically don't go to the teen center. It is also out of the way, they won't take you home. They have really nice things but they don't have the programming, location and transportation issues.
- Brings me back to my statement that there are no "in your neighborhood" places. Everything is on the outskirts.
- The people who want it should be a part of the making. Is the Teen Center open to everyone?
- I think that to make the Teen center more known, the schools should help to advertise it. The schools SHOULD help advertise because it is helping to engage their students.
- There needs to be some emphasis on fundraising instead of the city waiting for someone to hand us the money.
- We could brainstorm on ideas, come together and make a decision on which idea to use. Then put the money aside.

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