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February 12, 2009

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON YOUTH SERVICES**

The Committee on Youth Services held a meeting on February 12, 2009, with Chairman John Connolly presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond and Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were recreation Director James Halloran, School Committeeman Mark Niedergang, Nancy Bacci, Patty Contente, Laura Venesy, Dan McLaughlin, Corey Mashburn, Jackie Rossetti from Communications, Lisa Brukilacchio and Amanda Holm.

- Ms. Bacci discussed her recent work with the Summer Jobs Program and how it has been impacted by the economy.
- Mr. McLaughlin spoke about the upcoming Youth Peace Conference and recent dialogue between youth and police officers.
- Ms. Holm gave an overview of the upcoming stage shows at the Youth Conference.
- Ms. Contente spoke about her work in suicide prevention for youth and adults. She also discussed exercise and nutrition programs for seniors. Ms. Brukilacchio spoke about resources and grant money available to help youths lose weight.
- Mr. Washburn discussed the student health presentation program plans and the impact of the new marijuana law on youth.
- Mr. Halloran expressed his concern over the inability of some parents to pay for youth programs and emphasized the fact that children who cannot afford it can still participate. He also discussed plans for reaching out to parents so they will be aware of all that the Recreation Department has to offer.
- Ms. Rossetti discussed an upcoming 5K race and the foreign exchange trip to Italy.

No papers were acted on.

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Alderman John Connolly, Chairman  
Committee on Youth Services