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Summary of Meeting on December 21, 2009

The focus of the discussion was on what would be the most effective way to get Kirstyn involved with the Park and Recreation Board. Her areas of interest were also discussed. These ideas seemed to have the most promise.

1. Create an official agenda item each month focused on youth.
2. Kirstyn would become a youth liaison to the Board. She would become a "sounding board" for Board for questions about youth issues, needs, etc and visa versa.
3. Kirstyn expressed a willingness to conduct informal (or formal) surveys on youth related topics.
4. Kirstyn could also help recruit volunteers or possibly potential paid part-time staff candidates.
5. Kirstyn was willing to help the department better understand social marketing, websites like Facebook and if possible, begin utilizing this technology to better connect with youth and potentially promote department activities.
6. She was willing to provide some information about sites like Hart Park and how places that his are used and perceived by local youth.
7. Taking an initial small step with involving youth on the Board seemed to make the most sense. The idea could grow into more (i.e. youth activity commission, expansion of the Board to ad a youth, etc.).
8. Consider contacting Bob Brooks at MHS (social worker) to guide or consult with MHS youth (Kirstyn).
9. Kirstyn expressed interest with possibly helping to organize a coed activity or with adding youth activities to a community event like Sunrunner.
10. Discussed the need to sustain youth involvement – before graduation, youth would have input on recruiting a successor.