

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL HELD SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 19, 1996.

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Present on Roll Call: President Olcott, Councilmembers Clark, Dill, MacCowatt, Ogden and Rosen. Also present were Mayor Long and Staff members Burkholder, Chandross, Hughes, Kaufmann, and Perkins & Andy and Kay Lark and Jim Schwab representing the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Absent: Councilmember Muñoz.

This meeting was not taped on the usual recording machine but was taped by David Hawksworth for TV36.

President Olcott advised that the idea of considering a Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) in Summit started several months ago and as it developed the Council saw the need for this full presentation.

Andy Lark advised there was need to identify current services and gaps to the youths.

Kay Lark gave her personal observation on the concept of a B&GC.

Andy explained what services the National B&GC provides for local program development and building improvements and then presented a video on the B&G Clubs.

Andy commented thereafter as follows:

1. Programs are thoroughly tested before presented.
2. Referenced the Carnegie Report and the teens survey on what they want and need.
3. The gym is the "carrot" to get the kids into the Club but they have to participate in other programs in addition to using the gym.
4. Recommended against using the triangle since it was not big enough, it would delay starting of a Club, the site is cramped which would not permit growth and there would be no ability for a gym or outdoor recreational facilities.

5. 2 Walnut is a viable option and even with its size, programs could be run but they would be limited and it also has no gym or outdoor recreational facilities available.
6. Recreation Center is on a busy street but shuttle buses could be used and would probably be needed regardless of the site location, a special sidewalk could be installed down to the Recreation Center and it has a gym and growth potential.
7. Wherever the building is it could be used by seniors when not scheduled for youth activities.

Jim Schwab, Regional Director of the B&GC, gave background on the B&GC, his experiences and said that 60% of the current professionals in the B&GC have come up through the Club. He also spoke of the Smart Moves program which is aimed at teens to prevent substance abuse and pregnancy.

Lark went on to further advise:

1. Regardless of which building might be used it would only be at the pleasure of council.
2. The Club would cooperate with all agencies.
3. It would not replicate existing cost-effective programs.
4. B&GC of America has many funding sources much of which are not available to municipalities.

Councilmember Clark asked if a study had taken place regarding the number of kids available to support these programs, wondered how the programs would be paid for and what the cost would be to the City.

John Hill, 43 Passaic Avenue, commented as follows:

1. Advised of his involvement with many youth, elderly and diversity programs.
2. Said that growing up he had many similar "Boys & Girls Club" experiences in Summit.

3. Questioned how the Club programs would provide added value to Summit and how it would fit into what was currently available in Summit.
4. Questioned the financial aspects.

Jane Porter, speaking on behalf of the YWCA, commented as follows:

1. Provided a program information sheet (which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) as to what it provides the community and expressed concern over the duplication of existing programs.
2. Questioned the history of B&G Clubs bringing all the community and programs together.
3. Spoke of the funding demands by many local agencies.
4. Personally speaking she felt that the struggles of the non-profits will get worse and asked the Council to consider refunding the money that the Y paid for the use of the Wilson gym.

Dennis Allocco, 25 Stockton Road, commented as follows:

1. Is a B&G Club right for Summit?
2. Concerned about funding.
3. Questioned the potential impact on YW, YM, and recreational programs.

Roger Parsons speaking on behalf of the YMCA Board commented as follows:

1. Referenced its current \$4½ million expansion program.
2. Said Summit is being besieged by fund-raising activities and was concerned as to the effect on them by another dip in the "contribution well".

Tim Wiedman, Executive Director of the YM, presented information regarding the YM's programs (which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) and commented as follows:

1. Requested, if private development of said services is to be pursued, that the Council prepare and seek proposals.
2. Emphasized that many of the B&G Clubs proposed programs are already provided and provided well.
3. Expressed concern over the funding aspects especially since United Way has recently instituted a 20% cut.

Sharon Clark, member of the Youth Services Board, commented as follows:

1. Felt the Y is a dynamic and natural component of youth involvement.
2. Kids comments say that they are satisfied with the services given and they want a drop-in "do nothing" facility and are not looking for more structured programs.
3. When one realizes the recreational fields demands was concerned about the ability for building expansion where fields currently exist.
4. Felt that there was more than enough youth activities in Summit.

Bruce Kaufmann, Recreation Director, provided a list of recreation center activities and room use (which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) and commented as follows:

1. Agreed that there was a need to expand the Recreation Center which has been under consideration for several years.
2. Recreational field usage demands far exceeds the ability to meet it.
3. Field use still needs to be allowed for casual "family" activities so they should not be programmed for 100% use.

Hank Gibson, 134 Maple Street and PAL Chairman, asked what other towns with the same activities (Y's and Recreational programs) have B&G Clubs?

Bob Wolfenbarger, 30 Harvey Drive commented as follows:

1. Sees a definite need for an assessment but felt that it should be done by the City or one of its agencies.
2. There is a need to move quickly and meet the needs of a Youth Center.

3. Questioned the cost factor, rental factor and City expense requirements.

Jo Ann Dolle, Youth Services Chairman, reinforced both Jane Porter and Sharon Clark's comments and expressed confusion a over needs assessment by speaking of the 2005 Community Center Initiative Sub-Committee report and the great job it did on a needs assessment.

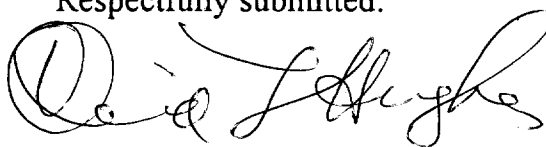
Lark responded to the above comments and questions as follows:

1. A needs assessment can be done with a trained staff.
2. Financing is through locally appointed Boards which are separate non-profit corporations which are charged with finding money sources, assistance is received from the National B&GCA and contributions are sought from citizens.
3. The value of existing programs is sustained and the B&G Club would possibly add to or improve them.
4. A needs assessment avoids unnecessary duplication of programs.
5. B&G Clubs offer an efficient low-cost services on a daily basis to youth and felt that the programs could be more adequately addressed by it.
6. Operational cost would be lower because City owned buildings would be used.
7. Potential impact is not available at this point because of a need for a needs assessment and the use of the Recreation Center or 2 Walnut are considerably different.
8. No desire to duplicate any existing services but desire is to present a high-quality daily drop-in center.
9. Disagreed that the B&G Clubs offered imposed solutions.
10. Overall programs offer and encourage structured use of time.
11. Clubs are located in a variety of areas one being Greenwich Connecticut with the closest being Union.


- a. The National Board would prefer a town like Morristown or Plainfield but he had asked for consideration of Summit.
  - b. Schwab - Mount Kisko does not have the Y's but similar programs from other organizations.
12. Agreed with all of Wolfenbarger's statement and offered to help create an objective assessment.
13. The City would be responsible for the major maintenance expenses and most likely would be asked to reimburse the B&G Club for improvements at a fair rate if it was asked to leave.

President Olcott thanked everyone for attending and the Lark's for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted:



David L. Hughes  
City Clerk

Approved:   
Edward S. Olcott  
Common Council President

## YWCA OF SUMMIT INFORMATION SHEET

For over 75 years the Summit YWCA has served Summit and its surrounding communities through a variety of programs and services. Last year alone, over 8,500 individuals were served through YWCA programs and activities, and 540 volunteers provided valuable assistance in both programmatic and administrative functions. The YWCA has a long and rich tradition in Summit of serving a diverse population and providing programs which are both open and welcoming to all individuals.

While our services and programs have changed over the years, the YW has always retained its primary purpose of serving women and their families. In response to the recent proposal made by the Boys & Girls Club regarding youth services in Summit, the YWCA Board and Staff felt it would be helpful to specify the services offered by the YWCA; both recreational and developmental in nature.

Child Care: Before and after school care (ages 5-12) and wrap-around kindergarten program; with transportation available to Summit residents. Summer day camp and gymnastic camp for ages 3-12.

Instructional Recreation: Sports, karate, swimming instruction ages 2-12. Art, music, carpentry and computer classes ages 2-12.

Movement Instruction: Developmental gymnastics program and dance classes ages 3-15.

Special Services: Step-by-Step, a social and counselling program for learning disabled teen girls; Adapted Aquatics swim program for mentally and physically challenged adults and youth; Special Sports program for disabled youth.

Older Youth & Teen Programs: Babysitting Basics, Pre-Team Workout, Ballet, Power Circuits, Teen Aerobics, Advanced Computer Workshop.

The YWCA currently has 2,100 youth members between the ages of 3 and 18. While many of our programs emphasize recreational activities, all YWCA programs regardless of their specific content, include a developmental component. Every YWCA youth program incorporates activities which emphasize self discipline, self confidence, fair play and an overall sense of the value of each individual. In addition, the YWCA offers an extensive Scholarship Program which insures that no individual is denied participation in any YW program due to economic circumstance. The YWCA also has extensive experience in collaborative efforts with other community organizations such as the recent conflict resolution program for youngsters offered by the Juninor League of Summit.

The YWCA's programs represent only a portion of the many developmental activities available to youth in Summit. We are fortunate to have a wealth of organizations which offer alternatives to youth including the YMCA and the City's own Youth Services Department. In the interest of avoiding unnecessary duplication of services, we believe it is imperative that the City examine all services currently provided to youth in Summit when considering the feasibility of a proposal such as the one submitted by the Boys and Girls Club. The YWCA continues to offer our cooperation in any effort undertaken by the City to improve the quality of life for youngsters in Summit.

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## PROGRAMS AT RECREATION CENTER

OPENING DATE: OCTOBER, 1996, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

MONDAY:	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Golden Age Arts and Crafts
	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sixth - Eight Grade Activities
	7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Adult Open Basketball Play
	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Coin Club 2nd Mon. Ea. Month
TUESDAY:	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Third - Fifth Grade Activities
	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Special Population Programs
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Summit Jazz Ensemble
	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Senior Activities
	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Cheerleading
THURSDAY:	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Adult Open Mixed Volleyball
	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Elementary School Arts & Crafts
	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Third - Fifth Grade Activities
FRIDAY:	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Team Practice Sessions
	10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Golden Age Program
	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sixth - Eighth Grade Activities
SATURDAY:	6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Team Practice Sessions
	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Boys Basketball (Dec.)
	7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	High School Open Basketball Play

## PROGRAMS AT SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY:	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Boys Wrestling (Dec.)
THURSDAY:	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Boys Wrestling (Dec.)
SATURDAY:	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Boys Wrestling (Dec.)

## PROGRAMS AT BRAYTON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

SATURDAY:	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Boys Basketball (Dec.)
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## PROGRAMS AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

MONDAY:	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Adult Open Basketball (Oct.)
TUESDAY:	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Team Practice Sessions
WEDNESDAY:	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Mens Volleyball (Oct.)
THURSDAY:	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Adult Open Basketball (Oct.)
SATURDAY:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Girls Basketball (Dec.)

## PROGRAMS AND SITES TO BE ANNOUNCED



## Recreation Center Indoor Activities

### Day Time Activities

Union County Stroke Rehabilitation  
Senior Exercise Class  
Senior Dance Class  
Old Guard Bridge  
Karate / Self Defense

### Activities at Various Hours of the Day or Evening

Recreation Meetings and Department Meetings  
Seminars  
Voting  
Birthday Parties, Christenings, Weddings, Showers, Receptions  
Rentals / Team Practice Monday through Friday 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
City Meetings  
Coaching Clinics

### Summer - Day Time

Playground Program -inclement weather/extreme weather conditions

### Available - 24 Hours

Emergency Management Center

## Recreation Field

### September through November - Summit Soccer Club

Monday - Friday: 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

### Winter Months

Sleigh Riding

### Mid-March - June

Monday - Friday: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Oak Knoll School - Softball  
Monday - Thursday: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Girls Recreation Softball  
Friday: 6:00 - 8:30 Summit Junior Baseball  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Girls Recreation Softball  
12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. Summit Junior Baseball  
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. Summit Junior Baseball

### July & August

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Outdoor Recreation Program  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Girls Traveling Team Softball  
Business Adult Softball