

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
February 13, 2018

A **Regular Meeting** of the Youth Advisory Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85TH Avenue in open and public session at 6:36 p.m.

Members Present: Maylee Acosta, Cassidy Gatrost, Matt Billings, Marin Clark, Leah Gilbertson, Brighton Greathouse, Greg Helt, Allison Jasper, Frank Johnson, Tristan Marsitto, Caillet Popelier, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Maria Stump, Tayler Wing

Members Absent: Micah Aviles-unexcused, Nicholas Benedict-excused, Kaitlyn Edwards-unexcused, Michael Helt-excused, Shireen Kimbell-excused

Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton-Community Services Director, George Colebrook-Recreation Superintendent and Selena Ferreira-Administrative Assistant

Audience: 2

Presentation: None

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine by the Youth Advisory Board and were enacted by one motion.

MINUTES:

1C Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse members absent from the January 11, 2018 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018.

A motion was made by Savana Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Maylee Acosta and the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Park Policy Discussion with Students Taking a New Direction (S.T.A.N.D) and Daniel Cooper, Park Ranger for the City of Peoria**

STAND would like to ban all tobacco products including cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping. They have collaborated with Maricopa County to get funds for signage to post at Sweetwater Park to enforce City of Peoria's current code. Matt asked if a 6-month pilot was sufficient time. Caillet asked the group to survey more people. Last survey was less than 100. She would like to have more backup if asked about the ban. Allison asked how they would measure effectiveness of the signs. STAND plans to do more park clean-ups and surveys to see how well it is working. Matt asked them to record attendance numbers to get an accurate number. STAND wants signs at every entrance and near each facility (courts, playground, etc). Park Ranger, Daniel Cooper suggested three signs to be an adequate amount. STAND mentioned their signs would include a helpline to quick smoking. The group asked if they could provide the Park Ranger cards to pass out to citizens that would have information about quitting tobacco/getting help. George declined their proposal. George suggested STAND collaborate with the board in doing a public service announcement via Channel 11. STAND asked Park Ranger if he could issue fine. Ranger can issue a civil ticket up to \$250. He would not resort to that initially but rather a verbal warning for the first offense. Allison asked if they did not see a reduction in smoking what would be their next step. They replied, further public safety announcements, bigger signs and more signs. A motion was made by Savana Rodriguez to move forward with the enforcement by way of STAND getting signs made; the motion was seconded by Marin Clark and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Reorganization of Youth Advisory Board Committees**

Cassidy completed a new reorganization of all committees, now each Youth Advisory Board member is only on one committee rather than multiples. Maylee read aloud the new restructure. Selena to email list to members. Brighton likes the time the meetings are set for and would not change them. The current date and time work well for most members. Caillet has difficulties arriving at 5:20pm due to transportation. George suggested phone conference or skype. A motion was made by Marin Clark to approve the new re-organization and to make official the committee meeting dates and time as second Tuesday of each month at 5:20pm; the motion was seconded by Frank Johnson and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken

3. **Planning for Job Fair Event**

George distributed a flyer. Current vendors attending are Harkins, Sierra Winds, Goodwill, Raising Canes and US Army. More vendors are needed. Matt expressed concerns with OSHA regulations and minors. Need to obtain more clothing donations.

Fashion show of “what not to wear” will be from 1:15-1:25pm then again around 2:30pm. Savana, Madelyn, Allison, Maylee and Matt volunteered to help in the fashion show. News Channel 12 filming this portion of the event and will run spots on TV at 5:30am and 6:30am. Those who volunteered will need to arrive at Rio Vista Recreation Center by 5pm to prepare.

4. Reports from Lunch with Council

Cassidy reported lunch with City Council on January 16, 2018 at Raymond S. Kellis High School was a huge success. Many people in attendance such as Councilman Jon Edwards, Council Assistant Terri Smith, Peoria Unified School District Board Member Monica Ceja Martinez and Assistant Principal of Cotton Boll Elementary Carmen Marsden. A major issue addressed was high school students becoming more involved with elementary school students. Tristan reported lunch with City Council on February 13, 2018 at Sunrise Mountain High School was good. Most of the same representatives at Kellis attended his lunch. Issues they discussed were street safety, cross walks, more variety in sports and extending New River wash trail.

5. Reports from Committees

Community Service – Matt reported they are conducting a clothing drive; boxes will be at each school. February 15th and 19th the Special Olympics group needs help setting up their volleyball courts.

Fundraising – Tristan reported that chicken sandwiches would be sold at Relay for Life Run, candy and possibly glow swords will be sold at the Shakespeare Event and pizza and water at the Job Fair.

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): Gilbert Romero

Reports from Staff: George reported City of Buckeye is not able to participate in Luke Air Force Base tour. He will continue to work on planning something. If interested in Vista Grand event on February 24th please RSVP to him.

Reports from Board: Frank-his plays were a success, now touring to different schools to perform. Cassidy-Mom/Son Prom event was great. Centennial High won Idol Rival. Special Olympics group needs to raise \$2-3k. Encouraged everyone to get involved with elementary school-aged kids. Matt-encouraging all high school seniors to register to vote. Allison-won double first place in FBLA. Maylee-FBLA medal. Was denied her request for cross walk along 75th avenue. Cailet-made oboe regionals. Savana-Cheyenne Elementary working on Beads of Courage fundraiser. Brighton-coordinating lunch with Council at Glendale Prep School. She is going to DC for the NLC trip. Marin-also assisting in coordinating lunch with Council at Glendale Prep. Tristan-rebuilt a tortoise enclosure for Eagle Project.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Maylee Acosta, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant