

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
AUGUST 21, 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 6:37 p.m.

Members Present: Cassidy Gatrost, Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Katie Fazio, Juliette Garcia, Brighton Greathouse, Frank Johnson, Ashley Lopezlira, Shaan Patel, Cailet Popelier, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Maria Stump, Tayler Wing

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-excused, Greg Helt-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Jon Edwards-Councilman, Chris Hallett- Director of Neighborhood and Human Services, Dawn Prince-Manager of Neighborhood and Human Services, George Colebrook-Recreation Superintendent and Selena Ferreira-Administrative Assistant

Audience: 1

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 July 31, 2018 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of July 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Madelyn Stuckey to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Leah Gilbertson and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Annual Report Presentation**

George had a PowerPoint presentation of a year in review. It began with the YAB vision then six components to that vision: Education and Life Preparation, Safety, Access, Community Collaboration, Civic Engagement and Out of School Enrichment. Bullet points and pictures for each component displayed the all the hard work of the Youth Advisory Board such as, conducting a job fair, mentoring seminar, building positive relationships with our Police Department, an anti-tobacco campaign, the new bus route off 83rd Avenue, working with other departments within the City and the community, hosting lunch with City Council and volunteer work. This presentation will be shown the the City Council at their next meeting. If board members would like to add items, they are encouraged to email George. No action taken

2. **Presentation on Peoria's Identity**

Jennifer Stein with the City's Office of Communication presented a short PowerPoint slide on rebranding. She explained branding and how it is about "telling your story". City currently using "See Yourself in Peoria" but that for tourists. She is looking for a universal brand. Over the next few months, citizens may see "power words" around the community. Jennifer wants feedback from youth perspective. Some words were modern, current, friendly, cultural hub, safe, creative, progress. She asked to board to keep the ideas coming and email suggestions. No action taken

3. **Bond Discussion**

Kacie Franklin with Support Peoria Students had a PowerPoint presentation that explained what the bond was and how it works. Schools get their funding by three sources: homeowners, state legislature and federal government. Sometimes when schools lack funding they ask voters to approve more tax for that funding. The new bond includes six key safety standards. Any money received is put into categories such as improvements, arts, growth, etc. Money must stay in those assigned categories and cannot be moved around. For further detail, she sited peoriaunified.org/bond. Frank asked what the cons of a bond were. Kacie explained how some people feel it is not fiscally responsible, no warranted or should be lower. No action taken

4. **Job Fair**

Board in favor of conducting another fair. Caillet suggested we expand to other districts and expand partnerships. She also wanted to pair with Sunrise Mountain Library regarding their S.A.T. information. Frank thinks we should change the name. Tyrin wants "Teen to Adult Life Planning" as the name. Juliette would like to see practice interviews and preparation with A.C.T.'s and S.A.T.'s. Nikhila suggested sub-areas such as resumes and applications, financials and paychecks, job awareness and college. A parent's table to help with questions on colleges, funding, campuses, etc. Advertising will be a group effort. Media equipment and assistance from the Office of Communication is a great resource to use. A motion was made by Savana Rodriguez to keep job fair as a standing item on the agenda and not create a separate committee

for it; the motion was seconded by Marin Clark and the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Tyrin Clay to make the job fair as an annual YAB event; the motion was seconded by Savana Rodriguez and the motion carried unanimously, with Madelyn Stuckey opposing. Action taken

5. Youth Advisory Goals

Many items from the July YAB Retreat were suggested as goals to implement over the next year, some sooner than others. Team bonding was necessary. New member training was at the top of the list. Icebreakers were wanted at the onset of each meeting. Board wants to shorten the length of the meetings too. No action taken

6. Lunch with Council

George and Cassidy explain how this program worked. Council members visit different high schools on a monthly basis, YAB members invited other students to attend, and Council provides lunch while a discussion of interest takes place. A motion was made by Frank Johnson to continue with the program over the 2018-2019 school year; the motion was seconded by Brighton Greathouse and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken

7. Reports from Committees

Only the Youth Government Day Committee met. The YGD event will take place on 09/13/18, it will be a half-day event, shirts will be made, elementary (7th & 8th grade) will be invited and lunch will be provided. No action taken

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): Jon Edwards spoke on legislative issues, Prop 305 coming in November, school bond awareness and urged the board to be engaged.

Reports from Staff: None

Reports from Board: Shaan visited New York this summer. Madelyn performing in Little Women play. Ashley and Katie in volleyball. Juliette took lead role in her play. Brighton and Marin began their mentorship program and joined choir. Frank had his first meeting with Council. Cailet made top band. Cassidy made the varsity golf team.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant