

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
OCTOBER 9, 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 6:38 p.m.

Members Present: Cassidy Gatrost, Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Katie Fazio, Juliette Garcia, Brighton Greathouse, Frank Johnson, Tayler Wing

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-excused, Greg Helt-unexcused, Ashley Lopezlira-excused, Shaan Patel-unexcused, Caillet Popelier-excused, Savana Rodriguez-excused, Madelyn Stuckey-excused, Maria Stump-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Jon Edwards-Councilman, David Benton-City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Beckie Borquez-Environmental Coordinator, Melissa Avila-Environmental Tech, George Colebrook-Recreation Superintendent and Selena Ferreira-Administrative Assistant

Audience: 0

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 September 11, 2018 regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Frank Johnson to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Marin Clark and the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Youth Job Fair**

George passed out a packet of information. Top page of the packet contained components for the job fair with two columns. Column one had job fair aspects like interviewing skills and resume writing. Column two had classes to offer at later time. Question was asked to the board if they wanted to keep columns as is, combine them or change anything? After a small discussion board voted to keep as is, no changes. A motion was made by Leah Gilbertson to keep the job fair components the same; the motion was seconded by Brighton Greathouse and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Icebreaker**

Leah had members take a piece of paper, write down an interesting fact about themselves then make it into a paper airplane. Members flew their planes into a bucket. George read each message from the bucket and other members had to guess who wrote that particular fact. This helped the board to identify with one another and learn something about each person. No action taken.

3. **Presentation on Texting While Driving**

City Attorney, David Benton presented a powerpoint slide show on the draft ordinance regarding Arizona's Reckless Driving Law A.R.S. § 28-701(A). Ordinance proposes a ban on texting while driving. 47 states already have a ban in place. Some cities within Arizona also have a ban such as Phoenix and Surprise. David encouraged everyone to know the laws in various cities. Statistics show it's six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated. No action taken.

4. **Presentation on Plastic Bag Challenge**

City Environmental Coordinator, Beckie Borquez and Tech, Melissa Avila presented a powerpoint slide show on recycling, had a hand-out and spoke about the plastic bag challenge they are hosting. Beckie discussed recycling do's and don'ts, acceptable items and difficulties with plastic bags. Although plastic bags are recyclable, they should not go into the recycle bin. At the plant, those bags jam the machinery because they are too thin. The Peoria Challenge is to have schools collect as many items (bags and other acceptable plastics) as they can between November 15, 2018-April 15, 2019. Winner gets a bench made out of plastic bags and an award. The City's partner, Basha's, will properly recycle everything collected. No action taken.

5. **Committee Sign-up**

Currently there are three committees: Youth Government Day, Fundraising, Community Service. There was a proposition to add two more: Job Fair and Teen Event. A motion

was made by Brighton Greathouse to add the two new committees; the motion was seconded by Marin Clark and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

All five committees were posted on the wall. Board was asked to write their names down on the committee they would like to be part of. Each committee will have four members. Those members not present will be assigned by Leah. Leah gathered the members names and their choices. She will compile the information and present it at the November meeting. No action taken.

6. **Teambuilding**

Cassidy conducted a quick activity to promote teamwork. She had a beach ball with questions written on it and tossed it around the room. When caught, that member would read the question aloud and answer it. This helped members get to know their peers on a more personal level. No action taken.

7. **Reports from Lunch with Council**

Lunch was held at Peoria High School. Juliette said Savana also attended and the topics discussed were on the metro bus system, texting while driving and the dangers of a particular gate crossing. No action taken.

8. **League of Cities**

George passed out a packet of information. The fourth page of this packet contained an expense breakdown of two trips the board could attend (NLC in California in November and CLC in DC in March). Board was asked to review each and vote on the trip they preferred. Frank, Juliette and Tyrin were in favor of the California trip because it allowed for more members to attend. George mentioned many other Arizona Youth Councils were attending the California trip also. Frank inquired about going over budget as per the information given. George explained he would have to get permission. Nikhila asked about the application process. George said applications will have to be submitted and a possible interview conducted. A motion was made by Leah Gilbertson to attend the NLC in California only if 5-6 members could attend. A contingency of only 4 members attending would change the vote to attending the CLC in DC; the motion was seconded by Katie Fazio and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

9. **Special Events**

Cassidy read over a list of upcoming City events. She reminded the board that last month all were in favor of attending City events throughout the year. She encouraged them to use Sign Up Genius to do so. George mentioned Relay for Life to be held on April 6, 2019 at Centennial High School. No action taken.

10. **Future Agenda Items**

Cassidy asked the board if there were any suggestions for agenda topics. Members did not have anything at the time. George suggested using Google Classroom to post their topics. No action taken.

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): Councilman Jon Edwards spoke on the Bird Deployment (new scooters in Peoria) and asked for feedback in November. He spoke on the safety of texting while driving. He presented everyone with a City of Peoria ball cap.

Reports from Staff: None.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Frank-said he likes the experience and feels he's learning a lot on how the City works. Leah-said Peoria won a video Emmy Award.

Reports from Board: Juliette-attended a concert with Frank. Katie-broke her foot. Nikhila-currently on fall break. Cassidy-2 major projects due at school. Marin-just returned from a missions trip to Mexico. Tyrin-involved with student council at her school. Frank-working for the Republican Party going door-to-door. Leah-in a fashion show 10/12/2018.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant