

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
NOVEMBER 6, 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 6:34 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-unexcused, Marin Clark-unexcused, Brighton Greathouse-excused, Greg Helt-excused, Savana Rodriguez-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Dawn Prince-Family & Youth Services Manager, Beckie Borquez-Environmental Coordinator, Kristina Perez-Digital Media Manager, Jennifer Stein-Director of Communications, 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 October 9, 2018 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**

Cassidy conducted a quick activity to help the board identify with one another and learn something about each person. She had a beach ball with questions written on it. She tossed it around the room. When caught, that member would read the question and answer it aloud. This helped members get to know their board on a more personal level. No action taken.

2. **Plastic Bag Challenge Update**

Cassidy read a list of schools participating: Vistancia, Santa Fe, Peoria Elementary, Zuni Hills, Sunrise Mountain High, Sunset Heights, Peoria High, Peoria Flex, Alta Loma, Centennial High and BASIS. Kristina Perez, Digital Media Manager for the City of Peoria asked the board to create social media buzz about the challenge. She proposed making a video to spread the word. Video should be about 30 seconds long, on your cell phone, know your background, have good lighting, no swear words, mindful of background sounds, etc. She asked to post those on Facebook, Twitter, etc. Juliette said the video should include a silly component and hashtag (#PeoriaPBC). Cassidy suggested balling-up the bags to fill office or car. Caillet said wrap a bike. Nikhila wants to include what is recyclable and not. She also thought we should wrap a Councilmember. Shaan said to post on YouTube and to include locations of recycling plants. Leah liked popping bags as a scare challenge. Chris Hallett suggested a challenge of what you can do before you recycle it. Beckie Borquez can get bags and containers for the board to use and she will be supplying posters with acceptable items. George Colebrook added that City of Avondale Youth Council was doing a similar challenge and that the board could incorporate their help or team-up. No action taken.

3. **Reports from Lunch with Council**

Lunch was held at Centennial High School. Tayler said the topic discussed was texting while driving. About 15-20 students were in attendance and included Madelyn, Ashley and Maria. The discussion ran long at 45 minutes. Madelyn thought people were very responsive and had many questions. No action taken

4. **Committee Update**

Leah created new layout of groups. George gave everyone a handout of their groups and let the group know they can Skype or phone in or move to Rio Vista. Selena informed the board that committee meetings will be once a month for one hour. No action taken

5. **Teambuilding**

Leah had members break into three groups of four and build a structure in less than one minute. This helped the board work together and learn bonding skills. No action taken.

6. **Special Events**

Cassidy read a list of upcoming events. She reminded the board to volunteer for these activities. Cassidy, Leah, Tyrin, Frank and Juliette all attended the Monster Bash. Tyrin thought it was a lot of fun. Cassidy reported they had a lost child they had to help. Leah judged the costume contest and thought Belle with a taco hat (Taco Bell) was the most creative. Leah and Frank have also volunteered at Parkfest events. Tyrin, Juliette and Leah attended the Library Event but Juliette felt they were not needed as volunteers. Cassidy manned the bouncies and handed out brochures at a Parkfest. No action taken.

7. **Special Events Feedback**

George passed out a survey to the board, asked them to complete the information and he collected them afterwards. He also asked for discussion and feedback on various City events. Cailet asked if Shakespeare in the Park was coming back. No action taken

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Juliette asked to have the Plastic Bag Challenge on the next agenda. No action taken.

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): None

Reports from Staff: Youth Advisory Board was given permission to fundraise and spend what was collected.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Leah reported a new bus circuit being implemented that will have a continuous loop route. Awards were given to local Peoria manufacturers. In addition, Peoria won #1 City to Live In.

Reports from Board: Cailet-band placed fourth in state and attending National Festival in Indiana. Ashley-volleyball is over but they made it to finals. Katie-in sports tryouts still and rode a Bird scooter. Tyrin-learned to write her name in Japanese. Madelyn-Little Women production was a success. Leah-going to be an aunt on 11/08/18. Cassidy-ESPN coming to her school and will be part of "storm the halls" on Friday. Juliette-PHS band made first at state. Nikhila-volunteered with Spanish Honor Soc to clean neighborhoods. Shaan-went to Seattle for his birthday.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant