

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
DECEMBER 11, 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, Liam Beltram, Tyrin Clay, Juliette Garcia, Frank Johnson, Ashley Lopezlira, Shaan Patel, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Maria Stump, Tayler Wing, Ritika Ravindran, Saanvi Tiwary, Christopher Weddigen

Members Absent: Marin Clark-unexcused, Katie Fazio-excused, Brighton Greathouse-excused, Greg Helt-excused, Cailet Popelier-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Dawn Prince-Family & Youth Services Manager 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 November 6, 2018 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of November 6, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**

Cassidy had members play the M&M Challenge. Red and green M&M's were placed into a brown paper bag and members randomly picked one. If you chose a red candy, you had to share fun facts about yourself. Some members who chose red were Liam, Madelyn, Chris and Shaan. No action taken.

2. **Flag Presentation by Girl Scout Member**

Audrina Rosales gave a presentation on the American flag. She provided its history, gave her personal connection to it through her military family and had a display full of facts. Her goal is to collect old flags and retire them, provide community awareness and collect and distribute new flags to those who want them. A pamphlet was given to all members on flag etiquette and FAQ's. No action taken.

3. **Financial Awareness Presentation by Arizona Council on Economic Education**

Teresa Mungal provided a brief background and slideshow on ACEE. Their main goal is education for teachers, students, parents, everyone on good financial decisions. ACEE was established in 1973 as a non-profit, totally sponsored by donations. They conduct various programs for K-12, hold conferences and have summer boot camps for teachers. No action taken

4. **Reports from Lunch with Council**

Lunch was held at Liberty High School. Liam said the discussion was what the City does. Frank said they also spoke about PUSD bond and elections. No action taken

5. **Teambuilding**

Leah had members break into two groups to play the Human Knot. Everyone grabbed hands, in a random order then tried to untangle themselves without letting go. This helped the board work together and learn bonding skills. No action taken.

6. **Report on NLC Conference**

Frank thought the conference had cool presentations, he met tons of other cities from the South and like Universal Studios the most. Madelyn liked the ice-cream social and how they integrated the students and adults together and overall thought the conference was very interesting. Tyrin liked the expo hall and all her free stuff. Leah found it interesting to know of the different culture issues others face and learned how some were trying to change school curriculum. The City of Surprise also attended. No action taken.

7. **Reports from Committees**

No reports were given because committees did not meet due to lack of quorum. No action taken

8. **Special Events**

Tyrin, Leah and Cassidy all volunteered at the Peoria Old Town Holiday Festival on November 30th. Tyrin helped at the cookie booth while Leah and Cassidy worked with Santa. Dawn mentioned the upcoming MLK Unity Walk event in January 2019. It is a two-in-one event on the 21st and 22nd and will include a concert, unity walk and presentation from Walt Richardson, descendent of Tuskegee Airmen. On April 6, 2019, Shakespeare in the Park event will be held from 6-9pm. Four to six volunteers are needed for this event with the Library booth, snapchat assistance and general help. Also in April will be Relay for Life Walk at Centennial High School. No action taken.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

Savana suggested helping orphanages. No action taken.

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): None

Reports from Staff: None

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Leah reported the new bird scooters are a 90-day pilot. Council wants birds near bus stops and similar locations. Current riding age is 16 years but Council would like to change to 18. They would also like to reduce the speed to 12 MPH. Frank said this was the first time he had seen the Council split and did not vote unanimously. He also mentioned the new member inductions.

Reports from Board: Savana-attended Peoria's Old Town Holiday Festival, Frank-Performing in Stand Up, Speak Up on 01/16/19, Madelyn-attended light parade and student directing audition for next play at school, Tyrin-preparing for pre-AP bio test, Leah-gave updates on Plastic Bag Challenge, Cassidy-school schedule got switched up, Saanvi-volunteered at art museum and preparing for homecoming this weekend, Chris-attended the Desert Harbor Fest and has DECA District next month, Nikhila-dance performance, Shaan-Anaheim for DECA completion, Maria-turned 18 years.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant