

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

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 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Cassidy Gatrost, Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Liam Beltram, Tyrin Clay, Katie Fazio, Juliette Garcia, Brighton Greathouse, Frank Johnson, Ashley Lopezlira, Cailet Popelier, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Saanvi Tiwary, Christopher Weddigen, Tayler Wing

Members Absent: Marin Clark-excused, Greg Helt-unexcused, Shaan Patel-unexcused, Maria Stump-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Jothi Beljan-Assistant City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Dawn Prince-Family & Youth Services Manager, 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 January 15, 2019 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**

Leah passed out nametags and colored pens to the board. She asked them to write their name and to decorate the nametag according to their personality. Each person had to explain their drawings. This helped the board see each other's personalities and helped form a bond. No action taken.

2. **Presentation by BLOOM365**

There was a brief slideshow and four representatives who spoke and all wore orange shirts. Orange and the month of February, represents Teen Dating Violence Awareness. Bloom's program is not solely about dating violence but more about relationship health. The 3-step model of Educate, Advocate and Activate is implemented in their trainings with schools and teens. They discussed how to become involved, what you can do as a teenager, different events they hold and different schools they host programs in. A handout was given to each member about the Bloom365 organization. No action taken.

3. **Teambuilding**

Cassidy split the board into two teams. Each team given paper balls and a basket. Objective was to toss all the balls into the basket while being timed. Fastest team wins. This exercise helped the board to work together. No action taken.

4. **Job Fair Updates**

Nikhila brought the board up-to-date about the March 9th event. Currently there are fifteen confirmed vendors attending, possible food to be sold and trying for a clothing drive. George created flyers and asked members to assist in passing them out. He mentioned getting the school's admin office to help promote as well. No action taken.

5. **Special Events**

On February 23, 2019 there will be a ParkFest Event. A volunteer sheet was passed around and members were encouraged to sign up. Reminder to check your emails for future special event reminders. No action taken.

6. **Future Agenda Items**

Leah suggested inviting Red Light Rebellion to speak at a future Youth Advisory Board meeting. Chris suggested Madison speaking at a future meeting about epilepsy. He also mentioned a run she's hosting and to volunteer at the run. No action taken.

7. **Reports from Committees**

Leah reported for the Teen Event Committee and is trying to put on a teen dance on March 29, 2019 at the Rio Vista Rec Center. Savana reported for the Youth Government Day Committee and is hoping to collaborate with the Peoria Unified School

District on their Plus Days. If unable, the next plan will be to host our own event for 8th grade to juniors in high school. No action taken.

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM): N/A

Reports from Staff: George was going to report on the STAND group from Ironwood but due to a new teacher in that position, still getting familiar with the group the report will have to be postponed.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Leah reported a spa to be built in old town Peoria. Frank reported on the City Council elections; Vicki Hunt won Mayor and Bridget Binsbacker Vice Mayor.

Reports from Board: Brighton-had lunch with Councilmember Edwards at Glendale Prep and spoke about short-term transportation issues. Tayler-went to Washington for NJHS trip. Frank-performing in Stand Up/Speak Up skit about teen problems. Katie-playing softball. Ashley-playing tennis and interning with local law firm. Juliette-visited Community Garden and will be performing in school play. Caillet-school was picked for musical festival in March. Madelyn-performing in school play. Leah-attending Glendale's Chocolate Event and it's her mother's 50th birthday. Cassidy-nominated for Girls State and working on a movie for school. Savana-playing JV softball and received a 97% on her biology test. Chris-attended State Capital for Neighborhood Day, playing tennis, received 1st place at regionals. Saanvi-received 1st place at nationals, painting a mural in downtown Phoenix and taught her dog to shake. Liam-track started, working on new project in engineering class. Nikhila-in speech debate tournament. Tyrin-in track and Skills USA. Ritika-competing in Brain Bee.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant