

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

A **Regular Meeting** of the Youth Advisory Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85<sup>TH</sup> Avenue in open and public session at 6:32 p.m.

**Members Present:** Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Katie Fazio, Brighton Greathouse, Frank Johnson, Cailet Popelier, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Saanvi Tiwary, Christopher Weddigen

**Members Absent:** Cassidy Gatrost-excused, Liam Beltram-excused, Juliette Garcia-excused, Greg Helt-unexcused, Ashley Lopezlira-excused, Shaan Patel-excused, Madelyn Stuckey-excused, Maria Stump-excused, Tayler Wing-excused

**Municipal Officials Present:** Jothi Beljan-Assistant City Attorney, 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 February 12, 2019 regular meeting.**

**2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019.**

A motion was made by Cailet Popelier to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Brighton Greathouse and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Icebreaker**

Leah asked all members, "If you could pick a Disney character to be, who would it be and why?" Went round table and each member said their character and explained why. Frank choose LeFou from Beauty & the Beast because he is funny. Nikhila chose Mulan because she is strong and Katie chose Ella from Frozen. This exercise gave some insight to people's personalities. No action taken.

2. **Transit Presentation**

Transit Manager, Cathy Colbath spoke about various types of public transportation available to citizens such as Dial-A-Ride, fixed route buses and circulators. Dial-A-Ride is commonly used by those who are unable to drive due to elderly age or disabilities. Fixed route is what most public use and travel from city to city. Circulators stay within perspective city and stay on the same course all day. Peoria's first circulator, POGO (Peoria On the GO) is being introduced on April 22, 2019 in Norther Peoria, runs every 30 minutes and is free to use. Flyers were passed out to show route. Some questions asked by the board were: How many stop are there? 55. What age can you ride? 12 yrs & up. Are there any South Peoria circulators? No. Cathy then asked the board questions if anyone currently rode public buses? No one did. She asked why? Some board members said it was scary, felt unsafe, live too far, waiting for the bus was a safety issue. No action taken.

3. **Council Liaison Position**

These two positions will become available in May 2019. If interested in applying you must be a member of the Youth Advisory Board for at least six months and cannot be a Senior in high school. Position lasts for one year and must attend two City Council meetings per month. Applications will be emailed to all members, an interview process will take place, top three candidates will get forwarded to City Council subcommittee for a final decision. Frank spoke on the time commitment involved, Leah spoke on their roles and Jothi mentioned members were able to watch video recordings on the City's website. No action taken.

4. **Teambuilding**

Members played an intense game of Rock-Paper-Scissors. They started one-on-one until eliminated, then it came down to the final two, the final winner then had to challenge George for the ultimate win. This helped break-up the meeting, got people standing and moving plus interjected fun for the youth. No action taken.

5. **Job Fair Review**

Different members who attended give their input. Chris thought it went very well, he also helped with the TV news spot done that morning and received a blazer from Dress for Success. Leah volunteered all day and helped with the fashion show of what to wear and what not to wear. Tyrin volunteered too and attended the interview skills class that was offered. Liam had businesses ask to advertise this event at their work location.

George reported 163 people signed in at the event. Over 15 vendors attended and included Peoria Aquatics, Shamrock Foods, Bloom365, Navy and Rio Salado. No action taken.

6. **Special Events**

Shakespeare in the Park event coming April 6, 2019 and Cesar Chavez Breakfast on Mach 29, 2019. No action taken.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

Savana would like to do something with orphans. Leah contacted the Red Light Rebellion to attend next month. Caillet asked about Bloom365 training. George followed-up with STAND (Students Taking A New Direction) and they might be able to attend our April meeting. No action taken.

8. **Reports from Committees**

Teen Event Committee reported that their dance has changed dates. Tentative date to be May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2019. Youth Government Day Committee reported they spoke with PUSD administrators about joining their Plus Days and they agreed that would be ok. No action taken.

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**CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM):** None.

**Reports from Staff:** None.

**Reports from Youth Council Liaisons:** Frank said they were shown several statistics about Arizona and Peoria and he found it very interesting.

**Reports from Board:** Chris-participated in FBLA Regionals, took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Public Speaking, won a DECA medal, awarded a scholarship from PEF and is performing in a play at school. Saanvi-on spring break, volunteered at BRAVO event and has National History Day this weekend. Savana-saw new Captan Marvel movie, has her Quince coming up and is in debate club. Tyrin-passed her bio test. Nikhila-State Speech & Debate coming up and coaching too. Caillet-performing in musical, leaves tomorrow for Music for All Nationals then heads to Boston for spring break. Ritiak-participated in HLCA. Frank when to DC on a scholarship, has another play at the end of the month. Marin-ran 200 mile relay. Brighton-working a lot, on spring break and reading East of Eden. Leah-working on a non-profit and has a difficult test coming up. Katie-has field

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day Friday, bought new Nike shoes, saw CeHS play today and going to Mexico for spring break.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

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Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant