

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
MAY 14, 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 6:39 p.m.

Members Present: Cassidy Gatrost, Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Brighton Greathouse, Frank Johnson, Shaan Patel, Cailet Popelier, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Saanvi Tiwary, Christopher Weddigen

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-unexcused, Marin Clark-excused, Tyrin Clay-excused, Katie Fazio-unexcused, Juliette Garcia-unexcused, Ashley Lopezlira-unexcused, Ritika Ravindran-excused, Maria Stump-excused, Tayler Wing-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Dawn Prince-Family & Youth Services Manager, Adam Johnson-Recreation Coordinator 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 April 9, 2019 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 .

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**
Leah brought a stick, rolls of decorative tape, markers, glue and feathers. Everyone helped decorate the stick which would later become a limbo stick. This helped the board to work together and communicate. No action taken.
2. **Bloom365 Training**
Training dates will be July 22-24, 2019. Three days total at seven hours per day. City will pay for those interested in attending. Need to RSVP to Selena Ferreira. No action taken.
3. **Youth Advisory Board Retreat**
Possible options are ropes course in Flagstaff, Az on 06/28/2019 or an escape room activity on 07/19/2019. Board voted for the ropes course. A motion was made by Madelyn Stuckey to book the ropes course in Flagstaff; the motion was seconded by Leah Gilbertston and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.
4. **Teen Open Mic Night**
Adam Johnson holding a Teen Mic Night and asked board members to help with concessions and collecting donations at the door. Dates will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 and Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. The event will include poetry reading, singing, comedy and more. Each act gets approximately five minutes. Board will help push flyers. Adam needs four people per night to help. No action taken.
5. **Teambuilding**
Board finished decorating the stick and then did the limbo. This helped members have fun, relax and interact on a more personal level. No action taken.
6. **Elections of Chair and Vice Chair**
Ballots were distributed and members nominated Leah and Savana as Chair. Upon review of votes, Leah received 10 votes and Savana received 1. The nomination by acclamation to select Leah to serve as Chair carried 10 to 1.
Ballots were distributed and members nominated Madelyn, Brighton and Savana as Vice Chair. Upon review of votes, Madelyn received 7, Brighton 3 and Savana 1. The nomination by acclamation to select Madelyn to serve as Chair carried 7 to 3 for Brighton and 1 to Savana. Action taken.
7. **Social Media**
Members were enthusiastic to learn about the posting on social media outlets for the City of Peoria. More to learn about laws on social media outlets. Perhaps incorporate a position on the board of a social media person and have that be their main duty. No action taken.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Items discussed were: fixing up the community garden, add social media person as a topic, adoption centers, educating teen son voting, Terramar streets/speed bumps.

9. **Reports from Committees Future Agenda Items**

Teen Event Committee met last week at Dutch Bro's regarding the dance. "Summer Lights" dance is more of a hang-out, not a dance. Drive-in theme, semi-casual attire, need volunteers to help. Date will be 05/31/2019 7-9:30pm for high school aged participants at Rio Vista Rec Center.

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

Reports from Staff:

Year in Review - Will be presented at the August Council meeting. If you would like to be included please email Selena. Presentation and speakers needed.

Plastic Bag Challenge Updates – Winners were Vistancia school in first place and Sunset Heights in second. Both to receive benches from recycled plastic. Eighteen schools participated over a five-month span.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Announced constitution contest winners. Both received awards. Leah had lots of fun, felt it went by fast. Neighborhood safety was discussed: happier and healthier space.

Reports from Board: Shaan-has finals. Savana-has three games left and finals. Nikhila-taking last AP test. Cailet-AP test tomorrow and doing summer online classes too. Leah-doing finals. Madelyn-been in several musicals and dance concerts. Chris-volunteered at Easter event and Parkfest and inducted as a thespian. Frank-got his driver license. Cassidy-doing finals and was awarded Unified Pride Award.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Cassidy Gatrost, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant