

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
JUNE 11, 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 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Cassidy Gatrost, Leah Gilbertson, Nikhila Basana, Liam Beltram, Tyrin Clay, Juliette Garcia, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Madelyn Stuckey, Dominique Van Winkle, Caelin Johnson, Ravi Bhakta, Ritika Ravindran

Members Absent: Marin Clark-unexcused, Katie Fazio-unexcused, Brighton Greathouse-excused, Shaan Patel-unexcused, Caillet Popelier-excused, Saanvi Tiwary-excused, Peter Bartos-excused, Addison Vinck-excused, Madison Presmyk-unexcused, Katie Fazio-resigned

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 May 14, 2019 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Bloom365 Training**

Training dates will be July 22-24, 2019 for three full days from 9am – 5pm. Interested members will need to RSVP to Selena by the end of June. Dawn gave a handout from Bloom on the event. No action taken.

2. **Youth Advisory Board Retreat**

Retreat will take place in July because that works best, especially for the new members coming onboard. Retreat will be held Friday, July 19, 2019 from 10am – 3pm at an escape room. Lunch will be included. Adam passed out a tentative agenda of items to be discussed. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Icebreaker**

Leah introduced a game called “GO”. Everyone gathered in a circle, said their name, then the word “go” and moved across the circle. This helped the board to get to know each other, especially all the new members. No action taken.

4. **Just Serve**

Ruth Pagan with Just Serve showed a slideshow presentation of the organization. Volunteer needs are posted on this website for help in your community. All the information you need to know about a particular group in need is under the description. Volunteer hours can be tracked here too. Ruth provided a mini poster to display in our office. No action taken.

5. **Speed Bumps**

Brandon Forrey with Development and Engineering for the City of Peoria came to speak on the subject. He described the differences between speed humps and bumps. Humps are in the street and gradual incline. Bumps are in parking lots and very abrupt. His department must compromise with the Police and Fire Departments for speed and restrictions during service calls. Brandon explained how citizens would implement speed humps in their neighborhood. He would ask these four questions:

Is the neighborhood/area eligible for a hump?

Was a speed study conducted? (number of cars vs. speed)

Was a street study conducted? (find manholes, etc.)

Is there a petition? (needs minimum of 70% in favor)

This would actually be the same process to remove a hump. The main area in question was Terramar and Brandon says they do not qualify for humps due to the way the homes face the street. Brandon left business cards if anyone had more questions. No action taken.

6. **Community Garden**

Juliette wants the board to donate books for the books exchange at the community gardens. She also mentioned it is in need of a new paint job. Dawn suggested having

a representative from the Community Center join our July meeting to discuss further plans of renovation. No action taken.

7. **Teambuilding**

Cassidy introduced a new game called "Concentration". Everyone gathered in a circle and picked random topics to discuss. If you hesitated at any point or repeated the topic then you were out. This helped members to feel more relaxed around each other and promoted teamwork. No action taken.

8. **Special Events**

Next City event will be the All American Festival on July 4, 2019. Then, Day of Giving by the Community Center during Christmas time. No action taken.

9. **Teen Open Mic Nights**

There are two dates: June 25, 2019 and July 23, 2019. Both nights will be held at the Performing Arts Center Theater from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Adam is looking for four people each night to help collect donations at the door. No action taken.

10. **Future Agenda Items**

Leah would like to discuss ordering new shirts and Ben's Bells (positive health). Cassidy would like to collaborate with Make a Wish Foundation. Nikhila wants to discuss mental health. No action taken.

11. **Reports from Committees**

The Teen Event committee reported on their dance. It was held May 31, 2019 at the Rio Vista Rec Center. It went well, was fun but they definitely would focus on advertising more in the future.

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

Reports from Staff: None

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Leah announced her and Frank's term ended. The new liaisons will be Ritika and Brighton.

Reports from Board: Juliette-ACT's. Madelyn-went tubing on the Salt River. Leah-going to France and preparing for ACT's. Cassidy-possible liaison for Make a Wish Foundation and her friend lost her leg but was still able to walk the graduation line. Ravi-was in Hawaii. Nikhila-in dance camp. Savana-her 15th birthday is nearing and she attended her uncle's funeral. Dominique-got his driver's permit and went indoor skydiving.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:57 p.m.