

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
NOVEMBER 5, 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 6:42 p.m.

**Members Present:** Leah Gilbertson, Madelyn Stuckey, Nikhila Basana, Ravi Bhakta, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Cassidy Gatrost, Brighton Greathouse, Shaan Patel, Madison Presmyk, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Saanvi Tiwary, Dominique Van Winkle, Addison Vinck

**Members Absent:** Peter Bartos-excused, Liam Beltram-unexcused, Juliette Garcia-unexcused, Caelin Johnson-excused, Caillet Popelier-unexcused

**Municipal Officials Present:** Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Brian Carrico-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 October 8, 2019 regular meeting.**

**2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. **Icebreaker**

Leah had everyone stand in a line, shoulder-to-shoulder, then she asked a question. If the question applied to you, you would take one step forward. This game helped find commonalities amongst each other and find out something new that you may have not known. No action taken.

### 2. **Liberty High School Solutions**

Randy Proach introduced himself, spoke about his job and mentioned he was a former YAB member from years past. His position is more involved with trails, bike lanes and hiking opposed to streets. Due to lack of parking at the high school many students park in the nearby neighborhoods. Randy's department constantly receives complaint calls from those residents. If a parking ban occurred it would apply to all cars, even the people who live there and you would require a petition. Other transportation options would be the bus or POGO. Randy asked the how other high schools dealt with parking. He plans to return to the board meeting in December with updates and photos. No action taken.

### 3. **Approve Bylaws**

Brian passed out the current laws with revisions that were discussed at previous meetings. The board took a moment to inspect. A motion was made by Shaan Patel to approve the changes and send them to City Council for review and approval; the motion was seconded by Dominique Van Winkle and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

### 4. **Formation of Committees**

Madelyn Stuckey asked the members of the board if they were okay with the committee she had placed them all. All were fine with the decision. She then asked if the current meeting dates (second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm) should remain the same or change. Savana suggested moving it after the regular board meeting. The remainder of the board wanted to keep it as is. Madelyn Stuckey also asked if members wanted to establish goals or wait until their committees met to do that. Everyone decided to wait until their committees met. She went on to emphasize attendance and commitment to the committees and to strive for a quorum. No action taken.

### 5. **West Valley Leadership Retreat Recap and New Initiative**

Brian distributed a handout on the retreat with a quick overview of what took place. Brighton said the discussion in the breakout groups were amazing. Leah said each city in attendance was tasked with doing research on mental illness and would like feedback from everyone. Peoria is to search for mental health days, events and activities. Brian felt there was a stigma around M.I. and that is why people do not reach out for help. In a recent survey, the number one reason people did not get help was they were scared to. Nikhila said social media has M.I. movements of new verbiage and are referring to it as

“MI Warriors” or “Champions”. A motion was made by Marin Clark to find new movements and verbiage on mental illness; the motion was seconded by Madelyn Stuckey and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

6. **Winter Holiday Event**

Savana suggested having a scavenger hunt at Westgate during a weekend. Dominique suggested selfies with the phone. Members liked the idea. Brian asked if anyone would be interested in forming a group to plan this event. Dominique, Savana, Cassidy and Madelyn Stuckey all raised their hands. No action taken.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

Ritika suggested a toy drive. Brian responded and mentioned Day of Giving Event by Adam Johnson, Community Engagement Coordinator for the City of Peoria. The members made no other suggestions. No action taken.

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

**Reports from Staff:**

8. Brian wants to purchase t-shirts with the City logo on the front and YAB on the back. Selena to email board regarding color suggestions.
9. Brian made copies of upcoming events and left copies on the back table for all. He lightly went over some of those events.

**Reports from Youth Council Liaisons:** Ritika announced a new police officer was inducted and the annual Library card contest had three winners. Brighton watched a rezoning video on business license and said it was very informative.

**Reports from Board:** Savana-Bloom 365 attended her school. Nikhila-attended Leadership West Retreat. Dom-Flex with HOSA. Tryin-babysitting 2 yr old cousin. Cassidy-her little sister wrote to the Graffiti Department of the City of Peoria regarding Westgreen Park and she attended Active Shooter Training. Saanvi-teaching Bloom 365 Event. Madelyn P-FBLA. Madelyn S-Fundraiser at MOD Pizza and internship at Bloom 365. Leah-NHS Food Drive, going to Iowa for colleges and foreign exchange student coming Monday from Paris. Shaan-turned 17 on 10/15/19. Ravi-gave blood. Ritika-FBLA conference. Addison-attended SMH home game. Brighton-turning 17 next week. Marin-went to Mexico for a mission trip then Chicago and Nashville with her dad.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Leah Gilbertson, Chair

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Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant