

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
DECEMBER 10, 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 6:38 p.m.

Members Present: Leah Gilbertson, Madelyn Stuckey, Peter Bartos, Nikhila Basana, Ravi Bhakta, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Juliette Garcia, Brighton Greathouse, Shaan Patel, Madison Presmyk, Savana Rodriguez, Saanvi Tiwary, Dominique Van Winkle, Addison Vinck

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-unexcused, Cassidy Gatrost-excused, Caelin Johnson-excused, Caillet Popelier-excused, Ritika Ravindran-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Jon Edwards-Councilman, Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Brian Carrico-Recreation Superintendent, Stephanie Mellring-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 November 5, 2019 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Winter Holiday Event**

Madelyn Stuckey presented the idea of playing the White Elephant gift exchange, a scavenger hunt at Westgate and having a potluck for food. Possible dates included December 16th, 17th, 23rd, 27th or January 2nd, 3rd. By a show of hands, January 3, 2020 works best. A motion was made by Juliette Garcia to set in motion the Winter Holiday Event with White Elephant, scavenger hunt and potluck to be held on 01/03/2020; the motion was seconded by Leah Gilbertson and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Icebreaker**

Leah had everyone play “Do you like your neighbor?” Board members stood in a circle with one person in the middle. That person then asked another, “Do you like your neighbor?” Depending on their answer, they would move positions or lose their spot. This activity had people laughing and feeling more relaxed in their environment. No action taken.

3. **Artwork on Utility Boxes**

Jon Edwards, City of Peoria Councilman spoke about the new pilot program in which students from various schools would be given the opportunity to submit artwork to be showcased on utility boxes around Peoria. He provided a handout with the details and examples of other boxes in surrounding cities and asked the board to help in the judging process. All art submission will be due mid-January and winners will be announced in April 2020. A motion was made by Nikhila Basana to accept Councilman Edwards offer and judge the submissions; the motion was seconded by Madelyn Stuckey and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

4. **Youth Ridership in POGO Follow-up**

Cathy Colbath, Transit Management for the City of Peoria along with Bridget Abraham, ASU student presented a slide show with statics form their surveys, proposed ideas and data collected. Some solutions were changing the current app, providing new routes and schedules, implementing a QR code and having grand opening events at the local high schools. A “Q&A session broke-out:

Leah asked if there would be new buses? Yes.

Juliette asked about funding? From sales tax.

Madelyn Stuckey asked if it would be moved more south? Hopefully, but not soon.

Shaan asked about the time increments. Half hour.

Brighton commented on the new scheduled and liked the weekend hours. Addison says a QR code a good idea.

No action taken.

5. **National League of Cities**

Applications for interested members were set out on the back table. Applications are due January 9, 2020 and can be emailed or dropped off at the office. Four youth are able to attend. Brian looking into funding for more to attend. Councilman Jon Edwards added he would help with costs for tours while in DC. No action taken.

6. **Teambuilding**

Madelyn Stuckey separated the board into two lines to have a rap battle. She provided a word to the group and each had to make a rhyming rap. First person unable to do it moved to the back of the line. This was a fun exercise in working together and listening. No action taken.

7. **Committee Reports**

Juliette spoke on behalf of the Social Media Committee and reported they elected a chair and vice chair, want to make a video explaining and highlighting the YAB and they would like to make a video on each committee member. Shaan spoke for the Fundraising Committee and he won the Chair and Ravi the Vice Chair, his committee would like to host a movie night and a sports tournament at the park. The Youth Government Day Committee also held elections and Saanvi won Chair and Dominique Vice Chair. This group discussed their government event and getting high schools. In the Community Service Committee Nikhila won Chair and Peter Vice Chair and in this meeting they discussed volunteering at a food bank and a job fair. No action taken.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Shaan would like to talk more in-depth about the Fundraising Committee suggestions. Nikhila would like to talk about the job fair. Dominique would like to revisit the parking issues at the local high schools. No action taken.

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

Reports from Staff:

9. Brian printed the upcoming events for members to take regarding volunteer opportunities.
10. Turquoise t-shirts will be made soon for each member.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Brighton reported there was not meeting held.

Reports from Board: Shaan-chose his classes for high school next year. Ravi-played a basketball tournament with his family at Thanksgiving. Tyrin-completed all the homework she put off. Nikhila-applying for colleges. Juliette-accepted to UCLA and worked Black Friday. Saanvi-in a mock trial at school. Dominique-in a bell choir at church. Madelyn S.-had a dance concert, cut her hair and has finals at school. Leah-foreign exchange student came and went. Madison P.- worked Feed My Starving Children charity and chose classes for sophomore year. Brighton-worked Feed My Starving Children charity. Marin-gets her driver license on Friday. Addison-Bloom 365 attended her school.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Leah Gilbertson, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant