

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
JANUARY 14, 2020

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 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Leah Gilbertson, Madelyn Stuckey, Peter Bartos, Nikhila Basana, Ravi Bhakta, Marin Clark, Tyrin Clay, Juliette Garcia, Cassidy Gatrost, Brighton Greathouse, Caelin Johnson, Shaan Patel, Cailet Popelier, Madison Presmyk, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Saanvi Tiwary, Dominique Van Winkle, Addison Vinck, Shivani Bahl

Members Absent: Liam Beltram-unexcused

Municipal Officials Present: Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Brian Carrico-Recreation Superintendent and Selena Ferreira-Administrative Assistant

Audience: 1

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 December 10, 2019 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**

Leah asked everyone to form a circle to play “Go”. In order to move/go from your spot you had to call out the name of another board member. This helped the board become more familiar with one another and learn their names. No action taken.

2. **Recap of New Year’s Retreat**

Juliette enjoyed the scavenger hunt the most. She also said the white elephant game was funny. Tyrin had fun and reminded everyone she won the game. Savana said this retreat was more fun than last year and liked the interaction it involved. No action taken.

3. **Judging City of Peoria’s Constitution Contest**

The board was asked to judge the submissions from grades Kindergarten through 4th. Kindergarten presented artwork while grades 1st – 4th had to answer a patriotic question along with their artwork. Winners in each grade will receive a pizza party for their class. Board members viewed all entries and voted by secret ballot. Ballots collected by Brian Carrico. They will be tallied and winners announced next month. No action taken.

4. **Introduction of New Board Member**

Board welcomed Shivani Bahl. In order to get to know Shivani better, the board asked questions and she answered. We found out she is a Senior attending Mountain Ridge High, wants to be a dentist, played tennis, is in FBLA, was in choir and knows how to play the piano. No action taken.

5. **Teambuilding**

Madelyn asked everyone to stand and gather in a group in the middle of the room to play Egg-o-lution (a fun way to play Rock Paper Scissors with levels). Everyone evolves from an egg to a chicken to a supreme being by winning RPS. Cailet and Nikhila were the last two winner who battled for first place. Nikhila was the ultimate winner. This activity increased collaboration and motivation in the group. No action taken.

6. **Committee Reports**

Saanvi spoke on behalf of the Youth Government Day Committee and announced they have set a tentative date of 04/21/20 from 9-1pm for their event. They plan to invite honor societies, student councils and similar groups. They’ll begin in the Council Chambers and do tours of the City Hall campus. Shaan represented the Fundraising Committee and said they’d like to hold “game nights” at various location during the summer. Admission would be free but they would sell food and drinks. Nikhila said the Community Service Committee would like to volunteer as a group at the St. Mary’s Food Bank in Surprise on 02/01/20. The committee would also like to put on a job fair at Rio Vista Rec Center on 03/28/20 from 10-2pm. Juliette said the Social Media Committee is eager to help the other committees with their advertising. No action taken.

7. **Spring 2020 Community Event**

Shaan asked to put the St. Mary's volunteering opportunity on the agenda for next month. Leah cautioned everyone not to over extend themselves. Ritika would like to see more job opportunities. Nikhila suggested going to existing events as a group rather than putting on the event. No action taken.

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

Reports from Staff:

Brain had a list of upcoming volunteer events on the back table. He asked members to email him any ideas they might have as well. He mentioned Stand Up, Speak Up event on 01/21/20, Youth Legislature Day on 01/23/20 and Boards & Commissions Dinner on 02/28/20. Brain also reported on the Congressional City Conference and said he received 12 applications. Those applications will be reviewed this week and candidates will be contacted by Friday.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Brighton informed the board of the Young Artist Award and the art displayed in the Pine Room, there was a budget request to replace carpet at the Peoria Sports Complex and election of new council member. Ritika updated the board on the renovating of the historic hotel downtown and the City Manager's homeless outreach program.

Reports from Board: Nikhila-doing research papers for school. Ravi-completed summer program at Harvard and doing one at UCLA. Shaan-summer program at Duke and attended YAB's Winter Retreat. Caillet-accepted at Baret Honors at ASU and attending cousin's babyshower. Juliette-attended her first New Year's Eve party. Tyrin-attending a quinceanera. Dom-attending prom at his church on 02/28/20. Peter-attended YAB's Winter Retreat and doing AP testing. Madi S-got a car. Leah-attended YAB's Winter Retreat, received college scholarship, pierced nose. Madi P-switched classes at school. Brighton-Councilman Edwards attending her school next week. Marin-when to Ohio. Cassidy-attended YAB's Winter Retreat. Caelin-sister is hom attended YAB's Winter Retreat e from New York and got braces. Ritika- attended YAB's Winter Retreat and student teaching. Shivani-visited Michigan and Chicago over winter break.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Leah Gilbertson, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant