

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Leah Gilbertson, Madelyn Stuckey, Shivani Bahl, Peter Bartos, Nikhila Basana, Ravi Bhakta, Tyrin Clay, Cassidy Gatrost, Shaan Patel, Cailet Popelier, Ritika Ravindran, Saanvi Tiwary, Dominique Van Winkle, Addison Vinck

**Members Absent:** Marin Clark-excused, Juliette Garcia-unexcused, Brighton Greathouse-excused, Caelin Johnson-excused, Madison Presmyk-excused, Savana Rodriguez-excused

**Municipal Officials Present:** Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Jon Edwards-Councilman, Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Brian Carrico-Recreation Superintendent, Stephanie Mellring 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 January 14, 2020 regular meeting.**

**2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. **Icebreaker**

Brian conducted this icebreaker and asked every to gather in a circle. He tossed a ball while calling out a member's name, that member caught the ball and tossed it to another member while calling out their name. The board repeated this over and over. Each time they increased their speed. The point was to learn each other's name while working as a team to not drop the ball and beat their time. No action taken.

### 2. **Students Taking A New Direction (STAND)**

STAND came with two supervisors and five members from Ironwood High School. They passed out a pamphlet on tobacco prevention. They proceeded talk about tobacco-free parks, community education, the GAIN Event they participated in and other projects they have done. STAND asked the board to keep them in mind for future collaboration projects. Nikhila suggested they operate a booth at the upcoming Job Fair. Shaan asked if they target elementary schools. The students said yes, they had just spoke to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. They also asked if the YAB could help with signage. No action taken.

### 3. **HART Pantry (Helping At Risk Teens)**

Councilman Jon Edwards spoke on behalf of HART Pantry. He informed the board that they need more students from Centennial and Peoria High School. They asked for the YAB to attend their March meeting to share ideas on how to better engage they youth. Mr. Edwards will provide meeting details at a later time. No action taken.

### 4. **Youth Day Recap**

Those who attended the Peoria Youth Day back in January spoke to the board about their experience. Madelyn Stuckey attended on stood on the floor of the House of Representatives. She thought it was really cool. She said people also spoke in "teenager" terms to explain their roles. Cassidy received special recognition from the House. Leah attended last year as well and said this year had more community leaders and she learned about lobbyists.

No action taken

### 5. **Youth Liaison Position**

Brain will send applications out once more. Final deadline is February 20, 2020 and the position begins in September. He reminded the board this was a valuable opportunity and was not offered in most cities. The procedure includes an interview process with Boards and Commissions subcommittees. Ritika and Brighton currently hold the positions. Ritika stated how fun it was, how she was presented with other opportunities, got to see how the whole City runs, presented awards, etc. Shaan asked when Council met. Brian answered, "1<sup>st</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month". No action taken

### 6. **Removal of Board Member**

Brian announced Liam has not attended a meeting since May or July of 2019. The entire board was in favor of withdrawing his position. A motion was made by Dominique Van Winkle to recommend the removal of Liam Beltram to the City Council; the motion was seconded by Madelyn Stuckey and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

7. **Reports from Committees**

Saanvi spoke on behalf of the Youth Government Day Committee and announced they will hold the event on 04/22/20 from 9-1pm for their event. Only high school leadership positions and clubs to be invited. YAB to be main speakers, rotate 3 to 4 activities and plan to rename to "Youth Leadership Day". Madelyn S. said the Social Media Committee reviewed all the rules and regulations for media posting. Main points – be careful, be relevant. Nikhila said the Community Service Committee efforts to join St. Mary's Food Bank failed. Neighborhood Pride on 02/22/2020 would be another attempt to do service as a group. They will contact vendors for the Job Fair and asked if the Social Media Committee could help get the word out. Shaan represented the Fundraising Committee and said they are still finalizing details for pricing, activities, venues and would like the Social Media Committee to help with advertising. No action taken.

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

**Reports from Staff:**

8. Brain reminded the board to RSVP to the upcoming dinner on 02/28/2020.
9. Brain handed out a list of upcoming events for volunteering. He also mentioned helping at schools or organizations. He signed up the board to help at the Neighborhood Pride event and encouraged all to attend Level 4 in Surprise.
10. The grand prizewinner of the \$1,500 scholarship was an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student from Centennial High, Justin C.

**Reports from Youth Council Liaisons:** Ritika announce POGO was adding more routes, more days and targeting more areas around P83. She learned Fire and Police have psychiatrics they can see due to the job they hold. She was surprised to know this was offered and felt it was a good thing for their mental health.

**Reports from Board:** Shaan-was in a minor car accident. Ravi-school performed a mock disaster drill. Dom-in track. Cassidy-attended field trip for National Tractor Day, starting a club at school, will have lunch with Council at Kellis. Cailet-scholarships are due in three days. Tyrin-going to a friend's quincenara. Nikhila-last day of school was 02/04/2020. Leah-attended Peoria Youth Days, mom's birthday passed, has ASU Language Fair on 02/21/2020. Saanvi-lots of homework. Ritika-City Library turning 100 years old. Shivani-paid college deposit. Madelyn S.-attended Peoria Youth Days and University of Denver.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Leah Gilbertson, Chair

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Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant