

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
APRIL 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 4:14 p.m.

Members Present: Leah Gilbertson, Madelyn Stuckey, Peter Bartos, Nikhila Basana, Ravi Bhakta, Cassidy Gatrost, Brighton Greathouse, Shaan Patel, Cailet Popelier, Madison Presmyk, Ritika Ravindran, Savana Rodriguez, Saanvi Tiwary, Dominique Van Winkle

Members Absent: Shivani Bahl-excused, Marin Clark-unexcused, Tyrin Clay-excused, Juliette Garcia-unexcused, Addison Vinck-unexcused

Municipal Officials Present: Erik Strunk-Deputy City Manager, Jon Edwards-Councilman, Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Neighborhood & Human Services Director, Sherie Steele-Family & Youth Services Manager, Marylou Stephens-Art & Theater Manager, Bill Moss-Recreation Supervisor, Susan Hardiman-Arts Coordinator, Erin Cammarata-Management Assistant, 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 under Consent are considered to be routine by the Youth Advisory Board and were enacted by one motion.

MINUTES:

1 Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **Virtual Icebreaker**

Due to prom being cancelled, Madelyn thought it would still be fun for everyone to participate through prom trivia. Her questions and answers are below:

Q-What is "prom" short for?

Q-What is the average cost per person?

Q-Which President of the USA allowed prom to take place in the White House?

A-Promenade

A-\$1,139.00

A-Gerald Ford

No action taken.

- **Utility Box Artwork**

Arts & Theater Manager, Marylou Stephens provided background on the competition. Four local elementary schools (Zuni Hills, Sunset Heights, Coyote Hills and Frontier) submitted their artwork in hopes to win and have their art displayed in a wrap on a utility box within the City of Peoria. It was the duty of the YAB to choose one finalist from each school, from their top five choices, to have four winners total. Artwork was displayed for everyone to see via power point and was anonymous, only labeled with a letter. Votes took place verbally and were noted on a tally sheet. Artwork E from Zuni Hills won with seven votes. Artwork B from Sunset Heights won with ten votes. Artwork C from Coyote Hills won with six votes. Artwork E from Frontier won with eight votes. A motion was made by Cassidy Gatrost to approve the winners and submit their choices to the Special Events Department; the motion was seconded by Savana Rodriguez and the motion carried unanimously. Action taken.

- **Covid-19 Concerns**

Leah asked if any members had questions or concerns. Dom mentioned he had a friend from elementary school contract the virus, he is recovering well, and they made him a poster. Madison says her family created a schedule for home to find normalcy. Savana said her family works out together every other day and tries to talk about the situation. Madelyn journals. Leah works out at a set time daily to stay stress free. Brian thanks those who helped write letters for our seniors and had about 75 in total. Saanvi wrote a letter and said she was glad to help even if it is from home. Sherie gave her appreciation for the board's help. No action taken.

- **Youth Mental Awareness Month**

In a past meeting, the YAB voted to make May Peoria's Youth Mental Awareness Month. There are seven other cities committed to making May their month too. Some have made affirmations and hashtags. Brian asked what the board could do to encourage, advocate and help in this movement. Leah suggested utilizing social media. Brighton agreed but make it light. Dom wants to do a compilation video since we are apart. Brian encouraged soliciting help from the Social Media Committee. Cassidy thought of doing a "spirit theme" week. Sherie said the Office of Communication would be open for help through Wednesday. No action taken

- **Congressional City of Conference**

Those members who attended shared their experience. Leah said seven members attended, was eye opening, first time going and she met Debbie Lesko. Peter thought it was a good experience, met AZ West Valley group, very productive. Ritika liked the workshops because they were informative. Saanvi said DC is so different and rode the metro. Cassidy enjoyed the interviews with Senators. Brighton said they made the conference very fun this year and liked the sustainability discussions. Nikhila said it was cold and loved hearing from other youth. Brian commented that it was good to see young people care and make an impact. Sherie said YAB members were great ambassadors. No action taken

Reports from Staff:

All City events have been cancelled. The YAB's two upcoming events (Youth Government Day and Job Fair) have also been cancelled.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Brighton was updated on the 2020 Census and announced the naming of the park on 97th Avenue and Williams to be Liberty Park. Ritika saw many citizens come out to express their discontent for the carwash that is planning to be built on Deer Valley.

Reports from Board: Cassidy-wrote letters to seniors and delivered them too. Brighton-adjusting to online school and watched Little Women. Shaan-doesn't even know what day it is and has cleaned his house twice over. Cailet-sr. trip to Hawaii was cancelled. Madison-got a fish. Ritika-doing art projects. Savana-doesn't like online school and starting NHS online. Saanvi-teachers seem to be giving more work now. Dom-track cut short and writing a song. Madelyn-Shrek musical was cut short and won Vice President for NHS. Lean-exams were cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Leah Gilbertson, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant