

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
AUGUST 11, 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 4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Madelyn Stuckey, Savana Rodriguez, Elena Andreyeva, Larisa Andreyeva, Peter Bartos, Tyrin Clay, Arizbeth Fierro, Brighton Greathouse, Chloe Inocencio, Hunter Kingsley, Dominique Luna, Shaan Patel, Madison Presmyk, Luke Salomon, Simon Soto, Saanvi Tiwary, Dom Van Winkle

Members Absent: Fawwaz Ali-unexcused, Natalie Awdisho-unexcused, Ravi Bhakta-unexcused, Addison Vinck-excused

Municipal Officials Present: Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Kelli Kincaid-Deputy Director, Sherie Steele-Manager, Stephanie Mellring-Recreation Coordinator, Kat Shreeve-Kaylor-Recreation Coordinator, 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 June 9, 2020 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Icebreaker**

Vice Chair Savana Rodriguez played 20 questions with the new members to get to know one another. No action taken.

2. **Bylaws and Year End Report**

Chairman Madelyn Stuckey explained the Year End Report and that it consisted of a report of events, conferences, volunteer work, etc that the board participated in last year. And how this information was put into a slide show which would be presented to the City Council. Liaison Brian Carrico briefly explained what the bylaws were, how our board operates by them and revision suggestions were going before Council for approval. No action taken.

3. **Social Change Initiative**

Guest speaker, Jacob Wise spoke about his organization FTP (Freedom for the People) and their causes. Currently he is focused on stopping racism by conducting peaceful protesting and creating bonds with others in the community with the same vision. Other causes he fights for are ending homelessness. Luke asked how the board could help on a local level. Simon asked if the organization was a marxist group. Madelyn asked in what way could the board help. Jacob asked for donations (water, batteries, supplies) and seeks volunteers to help in protesting. No action taken.

4. **YAB Committees**

Vice Chair Savana Rodriguez formed new committees after surveying members. They are: Fundraising-Madelyn, Shaan, Madison, Ravi, Chloe. Community Services-Savana, Dominique, Brighton, Larisa, Arizbeth, Fawwaz. Youth Government Day-Luke, Hunter, Saanvi, Simon, Eleya. Social Media-Dom, Addison, Tyrin, Peter, Natalie. Chairman Madelyn Stuckey then assigned different organizations to each committee for that group to engage with and help. They are: Social Media with Bloom365, Community Service with Ben's Bells, Fundraising and Community Service with Heart Pantry, Fundraising with Homes for Homeless, Youth Government Day with Vote. No action taken.

5. **Fall Retreat and Workshops**

Original retreat date was August 11, 2020 but that was cancelled due to covid-19. Chairman Stuckey asked the board for suggestions of activities and new dates. Arizbeth would like to meet in person. Madison thought mid to late September would work best. Shaan suggested splitting into groups. Simon asked what were past retreats like. Brian decided to send out some proposed dates. Chairman Stuckey advised all to email Selena and/or Brian with ideas. No action taken.

6. **Future Agenda Items**

Simon advocated to begin a pickle ball league for youth or families. He previously spoke with Stephanie Mellring, Recreation Coordinator at the Community Center and it was tabled until covid-19 restrictions were gone.

Reports from Staff:

7. Brian announced Dom and Saanvi as our new Youth Liaison and on August 18, 2020 they will be officially sworn in by City Council. Their role is to aid in the youth perspective and sit on the dias.
8. Brian said at the retreat he will share ideas of opportunities and explain the new point system and its incentives. He urged everyone to take advantage of community service.
9. Kat introduced herself and says she looks forward to being more involved with the YAB.

Reports from Youth Council Liaisons: Dom will present the Year End Report to Council from the past year. Saanvi spoke with Dom about goals. Neither reported updates on Council meeting from July as it did not take place.

Reports from Board: Tyrin-(N/A, having technical difficulties). Brighton-working on sr. thesis. Madison-tryouts for badminton and celebrated her birthday Saturday. Hunter-dad retired from military and is moving back home. Elena-playing piano and reading. Peter-working at Barro's Pizza. Dominique-just hanging out with her family. Simon-playing pickleball and sculpting. Larisa-playing her guitar and received her driver's license. Luke-volunteered at the Grab-N-Go event. Dom-celebrated his birthday Saturday. Saanvi-says online school is weird and she's bummed because she can't join track. Chloe-completing college apps. Savana-taking GCC classes. Madi-volunteered at the Grab-N-Go event and is a Senior this year. Shaan-getting ready for college applications.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Madelyn Stuckey, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant