

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
JULY 28, 2020

A **Special Meeting** of the Youth Advisory Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85TH Avenue in closed and virtual session at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Madelyn Stuckey, Savana Rodriguez, Fawwaz Ali, Elena Andreyeva, Larisa Andreyeva, Arizbeth Fierro, Chloe Inocencio, Hunter Kingsley, Dominique Luna, Luke Soloman, Simon Soto

Members Absent: Natalie Awdisho-unexcused

Municipal Officials Present: Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Brian Carrico-Recreation Superintendent, Stephanie Mellring-Recreation Coordinator, Kat Shreeve-Kaylor-Recreation Coordinator and Selena Ferreira-Administrative Assistant

Audience: parents of new members

Presentation: slide show of meeting agenda and topics

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Vice Chairman Savana Rodriguez asked new members to introduce themselves by including their name, grade, school and say something they are most excited about.

Elena – Sr., PHS, excited about graduating.

Larisa – Sr., PHS, excited to get her driver's license.

Chloe – Sr., Mtn. Ridge, excited to be friends with YAB members.

Luke – 11th grd, Glendale Prep, excited to learn more about the community.

Fawwaz – Sr. and is excited about graduation.

Dominique – Jr., Sandra Day O'Connor, excited to get the year rolling.

Arizbeth – Freshman, Kellis, excited to start high school.

Simon and Hunter had nothing to report. No action taken.

2. **Overview and Goals**

Chairman Madelyn Stuckey addressed the new members by stating she would like to increase the YAB presence in the community and hopes to get more involved. She briefly discussed the Youth Master Plan, was created eight years ago, may need to be revised, focuses on the three E's – engagement, empowerment, equip. No action taken.

3. **Expectations**

Staff Liaison Brian Carrico stressed the importance of attendance, informed the new members that we meet once per month but there are other opportunities to meet, communicate often and effectively and to share comments and/or concerns of your peers. He went on to say lead by example, share your time, treasures and talents, you reflect the City as a YAB member. Brian also addressed the parents and asked they encourage their children to prioritize their time, communicate challenges or opportunities and to hold true to their commitments. No action taken.

4. **Ice Breaker**

Vice Chairman Savana Rodriguez asked new attendees to pick another new attendee and ask these questions: what high school do you attend, how many siblings do you have, what is your favorite singer and what kind of pet do you have. This activity helped show the importance of engagement and teamwork. No action taken.

5. **Representing the City of Peoria**

Chairman Madelyn Stuckey said you are always a member, even if you are not in a meeting, you are always representing the Youth Advisory Board so, set an example and be true to yourself. No action taken.

6. **Open Meeting Laws**

Ted Mariscal, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Peoria and legal counsel for the Youth Advisory Board provided an overview of OML's. He mentioned all public bodies are open for all to hear, be open and transparent, must have a quorum (+1 of half), gather in person or through technological devices, should not speak about YAB items outside of a meeting, all City of Peoria boards and committees are public bodies and subject to OML's. He continued and said every meeting needs an agenda and record of minutes, motions and actions were explained and he warned there can be legal actions due to violations. No action taken.

7. **Engagement Opportunities**

Chairman Madelyn Stuckey basically said, the more you put in, the more you will get out. Each of you can bring unique personalities and ideas to the table, speak up, improve the City, join outside activities and show up to volunteer. No action taken.

8. **Fun Activity**

Vice Chairman Savana Rodriguez interjected a quick activity to help break-up the orientation meeting. She asked, "If you could only take one of these items to a cabin in the woods, which would it be? Match, candle, lantern." Members answered and explained. This helped show that everyone thinks differently and we need to consider all options. No action taken.

9. **Review of By-Laws**

Staff Liaison Brian Carrico explained what the by-laws were, a set of rules we (the YAB) abides by. He further explained it outlined number of members (19), number of alternates (2), term lengths (2 yrs), high school senior terms (ends after graduation), absence policy, removal policy, officer positions and more. Robert's Rules of Order were also discussed. No action taken.

10. **Closing Thoughts and Questions**

Chairman Madelyn Stuckey thanked everyone for attending virtually and asked if there were any questions. She advised new members to email Brian Carrico or Selena Ferreira if any arose. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Madelyn Stuckey, Chair

Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant