

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 6:32 p.m.

**Members Present:** Madelyn Stuckey, Savana Rodriguez, Fawwaz Ali, Elena Andreyeva, Larisa Andreyeva, Natalie Awdisho, Peter Bartos, Ravi Bhakta, 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, Addison Vinck

**Members Absent:** None

**Municipal Officials Present:** Ted Mariscal-Assistant City Attorney, Chris Hallett-Director, 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 August 11, 2020 regular meeting.**

**2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020.**

A motion was made by Savana Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Dom Van Winkle and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Icebreaker**  
Vice Chair Savana Rodriguez played Guess the Image with the board members. She provide three images up-close (elephant, city logo, lollipop) and asked everyone to give their best guess of what it could be. This promotes working together and getting rid of the awkwardness we may sometimes feel. No action taken.
2. **Charities Scholarship Opportunities**  
An image of the Peoria Firefighters Charities was displayed with important information. Unfortunately, a representative from the organization could not join us. Vice Chair Savana Rodriguez spoke on their behalf. She mentioned the scholarship could be up to \$2,500 and provide the website [www.PFFC.org](http://www.PFFC.org). No action taken.
3. **Engagement and Service Opportunities**  
Chair Stuckey promoted volunteering and recommended everyone share his or her ideas for engagement possibilities. She reminded the board that they represent and speak for 36,000 youth in the area. Brian Carrico went on to explain the points sheet. Earning began as of June 1, 2020, potential for Mayor's Award for 75+ points and some items require signatures. Vice Chair Rodriguez spoke on opportunities form American Prevention Suicide Foundation, BLM, AFSPNational website shows all types of volunteer opportunities and gave a link to a video. No action taken.
4. **Virtual Opportunities**  
Upcoming events include the Virtual City Summit for workshops and networking, to be held November 18-20, 2020, virtually at [citysummit.nlc.org](http://citysummit.nlc.org). Bloom365 offering "Lunch & Learn" classes on Teen Dating Violence Awareness. Do Something promotes advocacy, needs donations, and has scholarships and interest-based volunteering. Visit them at [dosomething.org](http://dosomething.org). Tomorrow We Vote conducting National Convention September 21, 2020. No action taken.
5. **Fall Retreat**  
Scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2020 from 5-7 pm. Retreat will begin with committee meetings, dinner then meet as a whole and discuss goals, alumni group, etc. Committees need to set goals, brainstorm upcoming ideas and elect chair positions. No action taken.
6. **YAB Alumni Group Updates**  
Ritika Ravindran, a former member who recently graduated May 2020, joined the meeting and spoke to current members on engagement, team building, assisting in opportunities, visit during retreat and their first year. Dom Van Winkle asked how far back alumni could join. No action taken.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

Savana Rodriguez brought up suicide prevention. Saanvi Tiwary looking for lead peer advocates in the PUSD area and mentioned the first Friday in October is domestic violence awareness month. Luke Solomon talked about My School Vote, which helps kids to vote by assisting them in registering. October 5th is the deadline to register. Simon Soto brought up pickleball again. Madelyn Stuckey informed him that the City is starting to install those courts at local parks. Brian Carrico advised him to speak with the City's Sports Division. Dom Van Winkle said September is suicide prevention month and he mentioned getting involved with recycling. Madison Presmyk was interested in a musical festival. No action taken.

8. **Reports from Staff**

October 30, 2020 Vistancia hosting Halloween Event from 5:30-8:30pm, would like YAB to host a booth. Need 7-9 volunteers and City will provide transportation if needed.

**Reports from Liaison**

Saanvi Tiwary reported they attended two meetings, she and Dom were inducted, rezoning, new recycling initiative to replace bin lids, update from City Manager on covid-19. Dom Van Winkle reported that council voted to approve P83 the official central business area. He also mentioned he was the online editor for his school newspaper and starting a new piece on current events.

**Reports from Board**

Tyrin-talking with her grandmother. Madison P.-did not make the team. Simon-got his driver license and sculpting lately. Shaan-looking forward to going back to school. Elena-helping friends register to vote and working on college apps. Peter-made varsity team. Hunter-practicing lacrosse. Addison-visited California. Dominique-in NHS and excited for in-person school. Natalie-running for StuCo. Luke-in choir and helping friends register to vote. Ravi-completing college apps and scholarships. Fawwaz-completing gifted program exam. Chloe-completing college apps and volunteering. Arizbeth-going to the gym. Larisa-completing college apps and helping friends register to vote. Saanvi-school starts in November and cross-country was cancelled. Dom-doing online sports and school newspaper. Savana-college courses getting hard and uncle is sick. Madi S.-is VP of NHS, now working at Brushfire and in theater.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Madelyn Stuckey, Chair

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Selena Ferreira, Administrative Assistant