

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Lorraine Barker, Chris Camacho, Tyler Crump, Joie Duplessis, Michael Helt, Holden Jacobs, Jacob Jelinek, Erin Madonia, Madison Mendoza, Kalima Nameth, Arriq Reams

Members Absent: Ian Mullane-excused, Thomas Prior-excused, Hamza Amjad-unexcused, Annalee Boyle-excused, Elizabeth Gonzalez-excused, Matthew Marquez-excused, Dominique Peterson-excused, Sean Proia-excused, Emily Sarbacker-unexcused

Municipal Officials Present: John Edwards-City Council, John Sefton-Community Services Director, Kevin Naughton-Teen Supervisor 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, 2014 regular meeting.

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Kalima Nameth to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Holden Jacobs and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Peoria Youth Bill of Rights

Tabled. No action taken

4. Youth Advisory Board Member Recruitment

Lorraine Barker and Ian Mullane had many visitors to their booth. Mostly interested parents rather than peers. Booth at Liberty High School has several visitors, so many in fact all 50 applications were taken by students. Suggestions for next year include a sign-in sheet to gather email addresses and video presentations. Other ideas for recruitment would be attending Peoria's special events, park fests, etc. No action taken

5. Youth Partner Network

Jacob Jelinek explained how the event was conducted. Those in attendance included Lorraine Barker, Arriq Reams, Thomas Prior, Michael Helt, City of Peoria Staff, various churches and business owners. Suggestions for next meeting included becoming more interactive, promoting Youth Advisory Board, inviting more local business owners to attend. Next meeting to be held on April 2, 2014. No action taken

6. Youth Government Day

Michael Helt recommended Mr. Beltram as a possible speaker. Chris Camacho thought about presenting a problem to a group of about 4 with a Youth Advisory Board member heading the group. Possible topics include marketing, texting while driving, cyber bullying, awareness, State and Federal level issues. Another proposal was to take actual City matters and help create solutions. This break-out session may occur during town hall. Each YAB member heading the group could take notes which could later be compiled and turned into a hand-out for those who attended the event. Lorraine Barker hand-out drafts of her t-shirt designs. One design contained town hall building vs. gavel. Ideas to expand on the design incorporated Greek pillars, more steps to the town hall building, adding City department names on each step, more verbiage.

A motion was made by Joie Duplessis to use the town hall theme on the shirts; the motion was seconded by Kalima Nameth and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Congressional City Conference

Kevin Naughton announced the 6 candidates that were chosen: Arriq Reams, Lorraine Barker, Kalima Nameth, Jacob Jelinek, Thomas Prior, Ian Mullane. Also attending will be 3 elected officials. Trip will take place March 9-14, 2014 in Washington, D.C. For itinerary and workshop schedules visit the National League of Cities website. No action taken

8. City Boards & Commissions Liaison

Kevin Naughton passed out Youth Master Plan Initiative-Board & Commission Youth Liaison Proposal memo from City Clerk, Rhonda Geriminsky. John Sefton briefly discussed the proposal of having YAB members also attend other boards. Lorraine Barker very excited about that as she has an interest in the Arts Commission. Arriq

Reams also interested in Veterans Memorial and Historic Preservation boards. Jacob Jelinek asked fellow members to ask themselves if they could really commit to 2 boards a month. Instead, open this up to the public and recruit there. These public liaisons could then report to YAB.

A motion was made by Holden Jacobs to make recommendation to remove verbiage "Current member of Youth Advisory Board with minimum 6 mo tenure" to "Any youth resident" and include in the memo "...will report to Youth Advisory Board"; the motion was seconded by Kalima Nameth and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Adaptive Valentines Dance

Kevin Naughton distributed information regarding the dance (4-9:30pm, 02/14/2014, at the Community Center). Kevin asked for volunteers to help in facilitating the event. Those interested in volunteering are Lorraine Barker, Chris Camacho, Madison Mendoza, Michael Helt, Jacob Jelinek and possibly Arriq Reams. No action taken.

10. Council Liaison Update

Jacob Jelinek reminded members of the upcoming Boards & Commission dinner on 02/13/2014. He briefly spoke on this recent trip to Sedona with Thomas Prior and other City officials. On February 24, 2014 news Channel 11 will film Youth Council Liaisons. Urged board to review their agenda prior to attending the monthly meeting to help be prepared, formulate thoughts and be able to engage in conversation more. No action taken

CALL TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEM):

Council Member John Edwards spoke and asked for more media coverage from those on the board. Encouraged use of facebook, social media, pictures and/or videos that could be posted and viewed by others to highlight the Youth Advisory Board. He challenged the board members to go into the community and gather 2 applicants interested in joining. In return he'd offer that member 2 tickets to the P83 Event. The YAB is currently facing 6 vacancies this year. Really need to grow this board! Kevin Naughton will email the application link to all members. Applying online is the simplest and fastest way. Council Member Edwards also recruiting a member of YAB to volunteer and analyze the P83 Event. Looking for feedback from a young person's perspective.

Report from Staff: None

Report from Board: Lorraine Barker plugged her new role in High School Musical and invited board to support the theatre.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m.