



Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015

5:00 PM

Goodyear City Hall, Room 117  
190 N. Litchfield Rd.  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Welcome**

Chairman Heinz welcomed the Youth Commission members.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Heinz led the Youth Commission members and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 14 - Chairman E. Heinz, Vice Chairman Nelson, Communications Director Groves, Commissioner Ferrall, Commissioner Acciardo, Commissioner Belanger, Commissioner Ayres, Commissioner Galek, Commissioner Wilkins, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Pappenfus, Commissioner J. Heinz, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Ratkus

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Fugal

Staff Present: Assistant to the Council Lauren Valencia and Audio/Visual Communication Specialist Lainie Triplett

**MOTION BY Communications Director Groves, SECONDED BY Commissioner Galek, to EXCUSE Commissioners Rivera, Ellis and Fugal from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Chairman E. Heinz, Vice Chairman Nelson, Communications Director Groves, Commissioner Ferrall, Commissioner Acciardo, Commissioner Belanger, Commissioner Ayres, Commissioner Galek, Commissioner Wilkins, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Pappenfus, Commissioner J. Heinz, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Ratkus

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Fugal

3. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on February  
[24-2015](#) 18, 2015.

**MOTION BY Communications Director Groves, SECONDED BY Commissioner Joyner, to APPROVE the draft minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on February 18, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Chairman E. Heinz, Vice Chairman Nelson, Communications Director Groves, Commissioner Ferrall, Commissioner Acciardo, Commissioner Belanger, Commissioner Ayres, Commissioner Galek, Commissioner Wilkins, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Pappenfus, Commissioner J. Heinz, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Ratkus

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Fugal

**4. CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1 Public Service Announcement Discussion**

The Commissioners discussed concepts and plans for an upcoming public service announcement focused on teens driving while distracted. The Commissioners discussed ideas and execution requirements and Lainie Triplett provided feedback.

**MOTION BY Commissioner Pappenfus, SECONDED BY Vice Chairman Nelson, to APPROVE a one-hour meeting on April 1, 2015 to exclusively discuss plans for the public service announcement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Chairman E. Heinz, Vice Chairman Nelson, Communications Director Groves, Commissioner Ferrall, Commissioner Acciardo, Commissioner Belanger, Commissioner Ayres, Commissioner Galek, Commissioner Wilkins, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Pappenfus, Commissioner J. Heinz, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Ratkus

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Fugal

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Presentation from Leigh Johnson regarding Estrella Mountain Regional Park Planning**

Park Planner Leigh Johnson from Maricopa County presented a PowerPoint to the Commissioners soliciting feedback for future improvements and updates to the Park. Suggestions made by Commissioners include incorporation of sand volleyball courts, a children's park, quiet area with natural shade and picnic space.

**6.2 Tale of Two Cities Fund Disbursement/Donation**

The Commissioners voted to donate the funds raised at the Tale of Two Cities festival to the Homeless Youth Connection.

**MOTION BY Commissioner Galek, SECONDED BY Commissioner Pappenfus to APPROVE donating the funds raised at the Tale of Two Cities festival to the Homeless Youth Connection. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Chairman E. Heinz, Vice Chairman Nelson, Communications Director Groves, Commissioner Ferrall, Commissioner Acciardo, Commissioner Belanger, Commissioner Ayres, Commissioner Galek, Commissioner Wilkins, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Pappenfus, Commissioner J. Heinz, Commissioner Joyner and Commissioner Ratkus

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Fugal

**The Commission requested that Lauren Valencia work to coordinate a fund presentation ceremony with the Homeless Youth Commission in the coming weeks.**

6.3 Recruitment Efforts

Lauren Valencia shared with the Commissioners that the City is still actively recruiting for the eight upcoming Youth Commission vacancies and encouraged Commissioners to promote the Commission to their friends and classmates.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Heinz adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lauren Valencia, Assistant to the Council

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Emily Heinz, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_