



## City of Goodyear

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Youth Commission

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Tuesday, November 19, 2019

5:30 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Burton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

- Present** 15 - Chairman Gabriella Burton, Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Noah Caraway, Commissioner Kaitlyn Blankenship, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Maren Rice, Commissioner Anyanka Carlson, Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer, Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, Commissioner Tristan Smith and Commissioner Sanjin Gonilovic
- Excused** 5 - Commissioner Roman Mena, Commissioner Patrick Mackie, Commissioner Hailey Columbia, Commissioner Josh McGee and Commissioner Meredith Horne

Staff Present: Assistant to the Council John Raeder, Assistant to the Mayor Jessica Perry

**MOTION BY Vice Chairperson See, SECONDED BY Commissioner Lauritano, to EXCUSE Commissioners Columbia, Horne, Mackie, McGee and Mena. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 15 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gonilovic

**Excused:** 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner McGee and Commissioner Horne

#### APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) Approval draft minutes from the Youth Commission meeting held on October 23, 2019.  
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**MOTION BY Commissioner Navarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Gonilovic, to**

**APPROVE the minutes for the Youth Commission meeting on October 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 15 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gonilovic

**Excused:** 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner McGee and Commissioner Horne

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. **NLC Congressional Conference Presentations (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)**

Assistant to the Council John Raeder explained that the City Council approved funding to send four (4) Youth Commission delegates to the NLC Congressional Conference in Washington DC Conference in the spring. Per the Youth Commission By-Lays, the chairperson and co-chair receive an automatic selection by virtue of their position. Mr. Raeder stated, that the remaining two available spots will be determined by a presentation regarding “Why I should represent the Youth Commission at the NLC Congressional Conference in Washington DC”.

Assistant to the Mayor Jessica Perry, Mr. Raeder and the Commissioners will rank the presentations to determine the Youth Commission delegation. Mr. Raeder instructed the Commission to judge the presentations on the following criteria:

- Creativity of presentation,
- Reason provided as to why he/she should attend,
- Content - Substantiated facts/info used, and
- Understanding of scope/purpose of NLC Conference.

Commissioners Blankenship, Caraway and Navarro presented to the Commission on Why I should represent the Youth Commission at the NLC Congressional Conference in Washington DC.

**MOTION BY Commissioner Rice, SECONDED BY Commissioner to ELECT Chairperson Burton, Vice Chairperson See and Commissioners Blankenship and Navarro as the Youth Commission delegation for the NLC Congressional Conference.**

**Ayes:** 15 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gonilovic

**Excused:** 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner McGee and Commissioner Horne

3. Mental Health Event Planning (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder reviewed a draft agenda mental health awareness event the Youth Commission is planning.

Commissioners made the following recommendations:

- Change the title to Cookies, Coco, and Convo,
- Include more welcoming language like dialog and safe space,
- Remove references to suicide and depression,
- Remove the video from the agenda, and
- Include more time in the agenda for dialog and small group activities.

Mr. Raeder recommended that Commissioners have a discussion with the school therapist/counselor at their high schools regarding ideas for small groups and dialog and report back.

4. Goodyear Fill-A-Need Drive Updates (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder asked if there were updates on Fill-a-Need drive activities.

Commissioners reported that they were unable to get a approval for the Fill-a-Need drive at their respective highschools and recommended that in future years planning needed to begin much earlier.

Mr. Raeder noted that there might be an opportunity to partner with Homeless Youth Connection in 2020.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Raeder announced that the Commission would be sending a group to the Stand Up, Speak Up, Save a Life Conference on January 21.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Youth Commission meeting will be on January 22, 2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

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Chairperson Burton, Chairperson

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