



City of Goodyear

See meeting location
below

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- Present** 15 - Chairman Gabriella Burton, Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Roman Mena, Commissioner Kaitlyn Blankenship, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Maren Rice, Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer, Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, Commissioner Josh McGee, Commissioner Tristan Smith, Commissioner Sanjin Gonilovic and Commissioner Meredith Horne
- Excused** 4 - Commissioner Patrick Mackie, Commissioner Noah Caraway, Commissioner Anyanka Carlson and Commissioner Raymond Gue

Staff present: Assistant to the Council John Raeder

MOTION BY Commissioner Horne, SECONDED BY Vice Chairman See, to EXCUSE Commissioners Caraway, Carlson, Gue and Mackie from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 15 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne
- Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Carlson and Commissioner R. Gue

APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on November 19, 2019.
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MOTION BY Commissioner Lauritano, SECONDED BY Commissioner Gonilovic to

APPROVE the minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on November 19, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 15 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Carlson and Commissioner R. Gue

CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Mental Health Awareness Event Planning & Discussion (Gabriella Burton, Chair)

Chairman Burton led a discussion on the upcoming Youth Commission Cookies, Cocoa & Conversation mental health awareness event.

Commissioners discussed making the event much more social. The goal of the event is to create a casual forum to promote meaningful connections and support youth wellbeing. They recommended removing references to depression and suicide in the agenda and marketing materials. Commissioners also agreed that the event should include an interactive ice breaker activity, and small group discussions facilitated by Millennium High School counselors.

Chairman Burton and Vice Chairman See volunteered to design a new flyer for the Cookies, Cocoa & Conversation event.

The Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on February 6 to finalize planning for the event which will be held in late February or early March.

3. Goodyear Aquatics Program Presentation (Kristen Ennis, Recreation Coordinator)

Recreation Coordinator Kristen Ennis was unable to attend the meeting.

The Goodyear Aquatics presentation was postponed.

4. Upcoming Events (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder discussed the following upcoming events:

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
- Culture Pop Block Party
- Global Youth Service Day

Mr. Raeder requested that commissioners research potential Global Youth Service Day projects.

Vice Chairman See noted that Earth Day is April 22 and she recommended that the Commission identify a project to support the environment.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

A special meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Gabriella Burton, Chairman

Date: _____