



City of Goodyear

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Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

5:30 PM

Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman See called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present 24 - Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Noah Caraway, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer, Commissioner Meredith Horne, Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Clarissa Garza, Commissioner Mariana Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Elias Linn, Commissioner Paulina Magallanes, Commissioner Kirby Maitra, Commissioner Harrison Rice, Commissioner Allen Tat, Commissioner Alan TorresArroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelt and Commissioner Paloma Sanchez

Excused 4 - Commissioner Josh McGee, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley and Commissioner Sidney Phillips

Staff Present: Assistant to the Council John Raeder, City Clerk Darcie McCracken, Chief Jimmy Rodriguez

MOTION BY Commissioner Schaeffer, SECONDED BY Commissioner Navarro to EXCUSE Commissioners McGee, Bradley, Phillips and Cortez-Beasley. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 24 - Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Linn, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Tat, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

Excused: 4 - Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley and Commissioner Phillips

APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) Approve the draft minutes of the May 27, 2020 Youth Commission meeting.
[2020-161](#)

MOTION BY Commissioner Lauritano, SECONDED BY Commissioner Navarro to APPROVE the minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on May 27, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 24 - Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Linn, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Tat, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

Excused: 4 - Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley and Commissioner Phillips

CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Oath of Office (Darcie McCracken, City Clerk)

City Clerk Darcie McCracken administered the oath of office to the new members of the Youth Commission.

3. Goodyear Police Department Discussion (Chief Jimmy Rodriguez, Goodyear PD)

Police Chief Jimmy Rodriguez discussed the Goodyear Police Department and the response to current social justice issues, including the use of body cameras, use of force policy, and chokeholds. He explained that Goodyear has implemented several measures to ensure accountability and fidelity to the Department's policies while protecting the community. Since 2016, all on-duty police officers, from the rank of Lieutenant and below, have been required to wear body-worn cameras. He also noted that the Goodyear Police Department does not train or permit chokeholds restraints. Chief Rodriguez also emphasized the importance of training and explained that the Police Department requires extensive training on de-escalation and implicit bias.

Chief Rodriguez also noted that during the recent protests, the Goodyear Police Department did not want to create a confrontational environment and had positive interactions with protesters throughout the city.

Vice Chair See asked about racial profiling.

Chief Rodriguez responded that the Goodyear Police Department does not permit profiling and the officer must articulate a purpose for the interaction. Command staff can review body camera footage to verify that the police interaction was appropriate.

Commissioner Lauritano asked about use of force when someone is resisting arrest.

Chief Rodriguez explained that officers always try to de-escalate conflict first, and will use the appropriate force based on the subject's resistance.

Commissioner See asked if the city had considered a citizen review board.

Chief Rodriguez responded that the Department utilizes an internal review process and will work with external agencies to assist with reviews as appropriate.

4. Youth Commission Overview (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder provided an overview of the Youth Commission. He indicated that the Commission learns, through presentations from city departments and participation in conferences, meetings and other experiential activities; collaborates to support projects and initiatives in the city and region; and serves through volunteer activities that benefit our community.

Mr. Raeder discussed several activities from last year, including:

- **Leadership West:** The Goodyear Youth Commission patriated in the inaugural Leadership West Valley Youth Retreat. Six West Valley cities sent their youth councils to participate and during the event youth engaged and had open dialogue with presenters and peers. The Commission brainstormed ideas and developed a plan to address teen mental health in our region.
- **Fall Festival:** During the Goodyear Fall Festival the Youth Commission assisted the Friends of the Library set-up their booth and hosted a booth as part of the Goodyear Trick-Or-Treat

Village in the outfield grass.

- ***Make A Difference Day:*** The Youth Commission volunteered to help paint at Desert Star Elementary. The Commission repainted the four-square area so students could utilize the area to play during recess.
- ***Cookies, Cocoa & Convo:*** The Goodyear Youth Commission's planned and hosted the Cookies, Cocoa & Convo event on March 4 at Millennium High School as part of their plan to address mental health. The event was focused on creating a safe space for teens to make meaningful connections and have conversations with their peers while having fun. 32 youth attend the event, 13 Commissioners and 19 guests, representing schools across the region.

5. Commissioner Reports:

- Youth Voter Engagement Webinar (Vice Chair Madison See, Commissioner Noah Caraway)
- Community Action Network (Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Commissioner Victoria Lauritano)

Vice Chair Madison See provided an update on the Youth Voter Engagement Webinar she attended on behalf of the Commission. The webinar included information on the “When We All Vote” youth voter initiative started by Michelle Obama. Vice Chair See suggested that the Commission may want to explore the program further and conduct voter awareness activities in schools.

Commissioner Connor Schaeffer provided an update on the Goodyear Community Action Network (CAN). He noted that the first meeting focused on understanding the historical context. He also mentioned finding opportunities to work with school resource officers to connect with students.

Commissioner Lauritano attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) meeting representing the Youth Commission. She reported that PRAC was discussing the new Goodyear Recreation Campus.

6. Chairman and Vice Chairman Selection (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder explained that per the bylaws, the Commission shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson for a term of one year by a majority vote. The positions of chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be filled by upperclassmen. If no upperclassmen indicate a desire for these positions, freshman and sophomores will then be eligible.

Vice Chair Madison See and Commissioner Magallanes indicated interest in serving as the Chair of the Youth Commission.

Commissioners Garza, Gue, Lauritano, Magallanes and Tat indicated interest in serving as the Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

MOTION BY Commissioner Shanafelt, SECONDED BY Commissioner Schaeffer to ELECT Madison See as Chair and Victoria Lauritano as Vice Chair of the Youth Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 24 - Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Linn, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Tat, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

Excused: 4 - Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley and Commissioner Phillips

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be Wednesday, September 23.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman See adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Madison See, Chairman

Date: _____