



City of Goodyear

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Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

5:30 PM

Goodyear Branch Library, Community Room
14455 West Van Buren Street
Goodyear, Arizona 85338

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- Present** 16 - Chairman Gabriella Burton, Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Kaitlyn Blankenship, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Maren Rice, Commissioner Anyanka Carlson, Commissioner Hailey Columbia, 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 Roman Mena, Commissioner Patrick Mackie, Commissioner Noah Caraway and Commissioner Raymond Gue

Staff Present: Council Assistant John Raeder, Arts & Culture Administrator Guylene Ozlanski, Training and Volunteer Specialist Angela Tolliver, and volunteer Evelyn Howell.

MOTION BY Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, SECONDED BY Commissioner Blankenship, to EXCUSE Commissioners Caraway, Gue, Mackie and Mena. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 16 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne
- Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Mackie, Commissioner Caraway and Commissioner R. Gue

APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) 2019-70 Approve draft minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on August 28, 2019.

MOTION BY Commissioner Navarro, SECONDED BY Vice Chairperson See, to APPROVE the minutes for the Youth Commission meeting held on August 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Parks & Recreation Presentation: Goodyear 4th of July Planning (Guylene Ozlanski, Arts & Culture Administrator)

Arts & Culture Administrator Guylene Ozlanski solicited information from the Youth Commission on "what patriotism means to you". Ms. Ozlanski explained that the input from the Commission would be incorporated into the city's design for 4th of July banners that would be displayed throughout the city.

Commissioners identified the following themes for consideration: devotion to country, acceptance of everyone, respect for the flag, dangers of extreme nationalism, unity, and freedom to openly express concerns to solve problems.

Commissioners also identified the following images that they associate with patriotism: eagle, historical figures like Cesar Chavez, combination of US and AZ flags, an eagle with hatchlings, people who serve in different roles, and planes painting the sky with red, white and blue.

3. Make A Difference Day Opportunities (Evelyn Howell)

Ms. Evelyn Howell presented information on Make a Difference Day. Make a Difference Day is an annual community service event which is held on the fourth Saturday in October.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed potential Make a Difference Day projects.

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

Assistant to the Council John Raeder reviewed upcoming events. The Commission reviewed and discussed plans for the following October events: Recreation Campus Ground Breaking, Leadership West Youth Retreat, Make a Difference Day, Goodyear Fall Festival, and Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat.

5. Youth Commission Communications Subcommittee (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Commissioners discussed forming a communications subcommittee to work on videos and other content for social media.

MOTION BY Commissioner Rice, SECONDED BY Commissioner Lauritano, to APPROVE the creation of the Communications Subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne

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

6. Youth Commission By-Law Amendments 2nd Read (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder reviewed proposed changes to the Youth Commission By-Laws.

MOTION BY Commissioner Navarro, SECONDED BY Commissioner Castro, to APPROVE amendments to the Youth Commission By-Laws.

Ayes: 16 - Chairman Burton, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Blankenship, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Columbia, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Gonilovic and Commissioner Horne

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Commissioners requested that staff examine creating additional subcommittees.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be October 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Gabriella Burton, Chairman

Date: _____