



## City of Goodyear

See meeting location  
below

### Meeting Minutes

#### Youth Commission

---

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

5:30 PM

Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams

---

Members of the Public may participate by calling the following telephone number and entering the conference ID#. +1 602-609-7636 United States, Phoenix // Conference ID: 782 717 463#

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

- Present** 20 - Commissioner Noah Caraway, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Josh McGee, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer, Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Clarissa Garza, Commissioner Mariana Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Elias Linn, Commissioner Paulina Magallanes, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Alan TorresArroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelt and Commissioner Paloma Sanchez
- Excused** 8 - Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Meredith Horne, Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Kirby Maitra, Commissioner Harrison Rice and Commissioner Allen Tat

**MOTION BY Commissioner Caraway, SECONDED BY Commissioner Schaeffer, to EXCUSE Chairman See and Commissioners Navarro, Horne, Lucy Castro, Lorenzo Castro, Maitra, Rice and Tat. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Staff Present: Assistant to the Council John Raeder, Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid, Recreation Superintendent Mike Beadle

**Ayes:** 20 - Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Linn, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

**Excused:** 8 - Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Rice and Commissioner Tat

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. [MINUTES](#) Approve the draft minutes of the August 26, 2020 Youth Commission meeting.  
[2020-175](#)

**MOTION BY Commissioner Shanafelt, SECONDED BY Commissioner Grace Schaeffer to APPROVE the Minutes of the Youth Commission Meeting held on August 26, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 20 - Commissioner Caraway, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Linn, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

**Excused:** 8 - Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Rice and Commissioner Tat

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Parks and Recreation Department Update (David Seid, Parks and Recreation Manager)

Chairman See joined the meeting at 5:44pm.

Commissioner Rice joined the meeting at 5:45pm.

Parks and Recreation Manager David Seid provided an update on the new Goodyear Recreation Campus. The Campus, which is expected to be complete in the summer of 2021, will serve as a gathering place for the community. He explained that the Campus will consist of a 30-acre community park, recreation center and aquatics center. The Park will have multipurpose fields, playgrounds, baseball/softball fields, sport courts, picnic areas and interactive public art. The recreation center will have a gymnasium, activity rooms, fitness area, indoor walking/running track, and a dedicated teen room. The aquatic area will include a 25-yard lap pool, play pool with zero-depth entry and play structure, a lazy river, and two slides.

Vice Chair Lauritano asked if the pool would be used in partnership with high schools to host swim competitions or other events.

Mr. Seid mentioned that the city already partners with schools at Loma Linda pool and supports the YMCA pool. He noted that the city was not looking to compete with the YMCA or other programs and would complement the existing resources in the city.

Assistant to the Council John Raeder asked if there would be opportunities for the Commission to contribute to the youth area in the new recreation center.

Mr. Seid responded that Parks and Recreation would love to work with the Commission to program the space and explained that the city was already implementing a very successful e-gaming program targeted at youth and suggested it might be an opportunity for collaboration.

3. Make a Difference Day (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder explained that the City of Goodyear would be participating in Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 24. Make a Difference Day is a national day of community service in which residents and organization contribute to improving their community. Mr. Raeder noted that last year the Commission painted the foursquare area at Desert Star Elementary School and asked Commissioners if they had any ideas or recommendations for a project this year.

Commissioners discussed several ideas, including: volunteering at the food pantry; conducting a city-wide drive for Homeless Youth Connection; hosting a Halloween costume contest on social media; and hosting a chalk-walk with positive messages.

Mr. Raeder noted that the most common theme of the discussion was helping a food bank and/or conducting a food drive. He indicated that he would follow-up with the local food banks to explore a project for Make a Difference Day.

4. Goals and Projects (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder led a discussion with the Commission on projects and goals for the year.

Commissioners recommended that the Youth Commission host a virtual Cookies, Cocoa and Convo event to focus on youth mental well being; build a community garden; plan a youth mural project; conduct a drive for the Homeless Youth Connection; and work with Digital Communications to promote youth content on social media.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be October 28, 2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman See adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Madison See, Chairman

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