



City of Goodyear

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Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

5:30 PM

Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams

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CALL TO ORDER

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

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- Present** 21 - Commissioner Noah Caraway, Vice Chairman Madison See, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Josh McGee, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Connor Schaeffer, Commissioner Meredith Horne, Commissioner Grace Schaeffer, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Clarissa Garza, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Paulina Magallanes, Commissioner Kirby Maitra, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Harrison Rice, Commissioner Allen Tat, Commissioner Alan TorresArroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelt and Commissioner Paloma Sanchez
- Excused** 7 - Commissioner Serena Navarro, Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Mariana Glass and Commissioner Elias Linn

MOTION BY Commissioner Shanafelt, SECONDED BY Commissioner Connor Schaeffer to EXCUSE Commissioners Navarro, Lorenzo Castro, Makayla Bradley, Lucy Castro, Diaz, Mariana Glass and Linn. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 21 - Commissioner Caraway, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Tat, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

Excused: 7 - Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Glass and Commissioner Linn

Commissioners Lorenzo Castro and Lucy Castro joined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Guests Present: Mayor Georgia Lord, Assistant to the Mayor Rosalva Zimmerman

Staff Present: Assistant to the Council John Raeder

APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) Approve the draft minutes of the October 28, 2020 Youth Commission meeting.
[2020-196](#)

MOTION BY Commissioner Lauritano, SECONDED BY Commissioner Grace Schaeffer to APPROVE the minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held on October 28, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 21 - Commissioner Caraway, Vice Chairman See, Commissioner Bednarz, Commissioner McGee, Commissioner Lauritano, Commissioner R. Gue, Commissioner Hamblin, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Schaeffer, Commissioner Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Kutt, Commissioner Magallanes, Commissioner Maitra, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Tat, Commissioner TorresArroyo, Commissioner Shanafelt and Commissioner Sanchez

Excused: 7 - Commissioner Navarro, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Bradley, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Glass and Commissioner Linn

CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Q&A with Goodyear Mayor Lord (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mayor Lord participated in a facilitated question and answer session with the Commission. She discussed the following topics:

- What motivated you to get involved with city government?
- What does an average day look like for the mayor?
- What is your favorite part of the being mayor?
- What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the City in 2021?

- Do you have any advice for our Youth Commission leaders?

Commissioners also asked the Mayor to discuss her background as an attaché for the US Consulate in Germany and the Netherlands.

3. Leadership West Youth Leadership Conference Discussion (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder explained that in 2019 the Goodyear Youth Commission participated in a Youth Leadership Summit hosted by Leadership West. The Summit was attended by Youth Commission representatives from the City of Avondale, City of Buckeye, City of Peoria, City of Surprise and City of Goodyear. The purpose of the Summit was to enhance regional collaboration, develop leadership skills, and learn about mental health issues impacting youth. Mr. Raeder stated that Leadership West was interested in hosting a second Youth Leadership Summit in 2021 and requested recommendations from the respective Commissions regarding possible topics.

Commissioners recommended a continued focus on mental health, especially given the impacts of COVID. In particular, they noted increased depression amongst teens as a result of isolation and loss of social, academic and athletic opportunities that provided support and motivation. The Commissioners also thought it would be beneficial to have sessions on safe ways to assist if you suspect someone is experiencing depression and/or another mental health crisis. The Commission recommended a leadership session on difficult conversations and how to speak-up in challenging situations.

Mr. Raeder stated that he would pass along the Commission recommendations to Leadership West for consideration.

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

The Commission discussed creating a short video for Social Media platforms which highlights the importance of wearing masks/face coverings to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Commissioners decided that members will shoot 8-12 second cell phone videos doing different activities wearing a mask.

Commissioner Conner Schaeffer volunteered to help edit the videos together with music and subtitles.

The Commission discussed possible activities that could be performed while wearing a mask, including: going to the grocery store, getting coffee, pumping gas, dancing, or working-out.

Mr. Raeder asked Commissioners to submit their ideas so they could begin working on the video.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be January 27, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman See adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Madison See, Chairman

Date: _____