

Meeting Minutes Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

November 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Public Safety Training Center
3550 S. Dobson Rd. Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nigam at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Arnav Nigam
Vice Chair Nivid Singhania
Secretary Shea Lee
Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran
Commissioner Julianna Henderson
Commissioner Makenzie Cole
Commissioner Olivia Lu
Commissioner Jackson Heinkel
Commissioner Joseph Bushard
Commissioner Nikhil Dholakia
Commissioner Shripal Dupati
Commissioner Victoria Jagdon
Commissioner Isaac Ming Teck-Ong
Commissioner Aashika Dupati
Commissioner Josh Victoria
Commissioner Ashwin Vijayaraghavan

Staff Attendance

Alexis Apodaca, Government Relations
Senior Program Manager

Absent

Commissioner Maria Gonzalez
Commissioner Anthony Bushard
Commissioner Sanjana Balaji

Scheduled Public Appearances

None.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Action Agenda

1. October 3, 2023 Minutes.

Approval of the October 3, 2023 Mayor's Youth Commission minutes.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran moved to approve the October 3, 2023 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Josh Victoria. Motion carried unanimously. (16-3-0)

Briefing

2. Public Safety Training Center Overview – Officer Noah Deuker

Officer Deuker is part of the Chandler police department. He trains youth who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or have a passion to become a police officer. The Chandler Training Center has many different programs as well as a Woman Self Defense Program. The Commission toured the Training Center with Officer Deuker.

3. Special Events Funding Panel Debrief – Commissioner Aashika Dupati

Commissioner Aashika Dupati discussed how she helped allocate funds (around 1,000 to 6,000 dollars) to nonprofits across the City such as the Chinese Federation and Ballet, Jewish Film Festival, and more. Commissioner Dupati mentioned it was a unique experience meeting other people and hearing their stories of how they started their nonprofits and what they do.

4. For Our City Day Debrief

During For Our City Day Commissioners helped to paint a house and had the special opportunity of starring in the Mayor's video. They also received a t-shirt and went to the celebration fair afterwards.

5. Polar Express Volunteer Opportunity

Chair Nigam discussed the Polar Express Volunteer Opportunity which is on December 6th, 7th, and 8th, located at the Tumbleweed Recreation Center. The Commissioners will dress up as elves and will help assist the event, as well as having the unique opportunity of riding a train at the end.

6. Parade of Lights Volunteer Opportunity

On December 2nd, three senior Commissioners will go help judge the floats that people all over the city have worked hard on to create and present.

7. Teen Leadership Academy Planning

The goal of today's meeting was to finalize a schedule for TLA, such as finding how long the commissioners' activities will be and which activities they plan on doing.

8. Woofstock Reminder

Woofstock is on November 18th and the commission will split into two groups to hand out Puppuccinos.

Member Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Makenzie Cole talks about substance use in Arizona. 61% of opioid deaths in Arizona happened in Maricopa from January to July this year. Narcan, which is a nasal spray, is used to delay people's deaths until First Aid Responders can help. Commissioner Cole wants Narcan implemented within the city, such as in first aid kits and wants people to be trained on how to use it. Commissioner Cole wants the Commission's support in order to tackle this problem and the Mayor and City Council are currently working together to solve this issue as well.

Calendar

- 9. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00pm
- 10. Woofstock – Saturday, November 18th
- 11. Parade of Lights – Saturday, December 2nd
- 12. Polar Express – December 6, 7 & 8
- 13. Teen Leadership Academy - Friday, March 15

Informational Items Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran, seconded by Commissioner Aashika Dupati. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Alexis Apodaca, Secretary

Arnav Nigam, Chair