

Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

August 13, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.

Chandler Police Department,
Main Station Community Room
250 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Commission Members

Shripal Dupati
Joseph Bushard
Nivid Singhania
Sanjana Balaji
Makenzie Cole
Julianna Henderson
Olivia Lu
Anthony Bushard
Shea Lee
Victoria Jagdon
Aashi Singhai
Alexander Rahman
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Jaden Lu
Lucy Garner
Siddarth Ramkumar
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Elizabeth Ovelil
Teagan Tollefson

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor's Youth Commission and to the general public that the Mayor's Youth Commission will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at Chandler Police Department Main Station Community Room, 250 E. Chicago St. One or more Commissioners may be attending by telephone.

Persons with disabilities may request a reasonable modification or communication aids and services by contacting the City Clerk's office at (480) 782-2181(711 via AZRS). Please make requests in advance as it affords the City time to accommodate the request.

Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 175 S. Arizona Avenue.

Mayor's Youth Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda - August 13, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

Action Agenda

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Move to approve the April 9, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes

Discussion

2. Mayor Hartke's Welcome

3. Group Introductions

4. Icebreakers

5. Mayor's Youth Commission Expectations, 2025 Schedule and Engagement Opportunities - Alexis Apodaca, Staff Liaison

6. League of Arizona Cities and Towns Youth Conference - August 28, 2024

7. Town of Florence Teen Leadership Symposium - September 13, 2024, 10am - 3pm

8. City of Chandler Sponsorship Funding Program Panel Representative - September 17, 2023, 5pm - 8pm

9. Parade of Lights Judging - December 7, 2024, 5pm

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

10. League of Arizona Cities and Towns Youth Conference - August 28, 2024
Mayor's Youth Commission September Meeting - September 10, 2024 - 5pm
Town of Florence Teen Leadership Symposium - September 13, 2024, 10am - 3pm
City of Chandler Sponsorship Funding Program Panel Representative - September 17, 2023, 5pm - 8pm
Parade of Lights Judging - December 7, 2024, 5pm

Adjourn



Mayor's Youth Commission Communications and Public Affairs

Date: 08/13/2024
To: Mayor's Youth Commission
From: Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public Affairs Senior Senior Manager
Subject: Approval of Minutes

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve the April 9, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes

Attachments

MYC Minutes April 24

Meeting Minutes Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

April 9 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Chandler City Hall, 5th Floor Large Conference
Room
175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nigam at 5:06 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 Anthony Bushard
Commissioner Joseph Bushard
Commissioner Nikhil Dholakia
Commissioner Shripal Dupati
Commissioner Victoria Jagdon
Commissioner Isaac Ming Teck-Ong
Commissioner Maria Gonzalez
Commissioner Josh Victoria
Commissioner Aashika Dupati
Commissioner Sanjana Balaji **Absent**
Commissioner Jackson Heinkel
Commissioner Ashwin Vijayaraghavan

Staff Attendance

Alexis Apodaca, Mayor and Council Public
Affairs Senior Manager

Scheduled Public Appearances

None.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Action Agenda

1. March 5, 2024 Minutes.

Approval of the March 5, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission minutes.

2. Election of Officers

Move to approve the election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, effective May 14, 2024

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Sanjana Balaji moved to approve the March 5, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Aashika Dupati. Motion carried unanimously. (17-2-0)

Commissioner Josh Victoria moved to appoint Nivid Singhanian as Mayor's Youth Commission Chair, Shea Lee as Mayor's Youth Commission Vice Chair, and Olivia Lu as Mayor's Youth Commission Secretary, effective May 14, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Maria Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously. (17-2-0)

Briefing

1. Professional Development Opportunity Debrief – Teen Leadership Academy
Mayor's Youth Commissioners participated in a debrief discussion on what they would improve or change about the Teen Leadership Academy. Discussion points included how to market the event, the effectiveness of individual sessions, and how to further improve the planning process going forward.
2. Volunteer Opportunity Debrief – Family Bike Ride
Mayor's Youth Commissioners that participated in the Family Bike Ride discussed their experience volunteering at the event.
3. Professional Development Opportunity – League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference (August

28, 2024)

Alexis Apodaca, Mayor and Council Public Affairs Senior Manager, discussed the upcoming professional development opportunity for the Youth Commission to participate in the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Youth Conference.

4. End of Year Event

Alexis Apodaca, Mayor and Council Public Affairs Senior Manager, provided details on the Commission's end of the year event taking place on May 14th.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

Informational Items Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran, seconded by Commissioner Makenzie Cole. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Alexis Apodaca, Secretary

Arnav Nigam, Chair



Mayor's Youth Commission Communications and Public Affairs

Date: 08/13/2024
To: Mayor's Youth Commission
From: Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public Affairs Senior Senior Manager
Subject: Town of Florence Teen Leadership Symposium - September 13th, 2024,
10am - 3pm

Background/Discussion

The City of Chandler Mayor's Youth Commission is invited to participate in the Town of Florence's Teen Leadership Symposium. This event will take place on September 13, 2024 from 10am - 3pm at the Viney Jones Library and Community Center in Florence, Arizona. This is a free event with lunch provided for all teens. The City of Chandler will provide transportation for up to eight (8) interested Commissioners who are NOT participating in the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Youth Conference. Agenda information is attached.

Attachments

Florence Teen Symposium Agenda

Youth Sessions & Speakers

Haydee Antezana | Your Future = Your Brand

In this fast world, a powerful personal and online brand is key to attract opportunities. Join Haydee in an engaging and empowering session to level up your personal and online presence! This isn't just a talk—it's an entertaining experience where you'll discover:

- 🗣️ What Your Personal Brand is and your unique X Factor through a Live Mobile Brand Challenge
- 📱 How to Build an Epic In-Person and Online Brand to make you stand out
- 👤 Create Your “Connection Circle” Build meaningful relationships, and find influential mentors

Get ready to “Level Up Your Brand” and take charge of your future - starting now!



[Speaker Website & Resources](#)

[Watch Haydee](#)

Darryl Bellamy | Fearful to Fear(LESS): How to Embrace the Fearless Inside

In this fast-paced session, students will learn how to handle and use fear to reach their goals. The program helps students understand and act even when they are scared. They will leave with useful tips and tools to turn fear into something that helps them grow. Students will get a plan to build strength, a free gift thousands use as a reminder that they're not alone.



[Speaker Website & Resources](#)

[Watch Darryl](#)

Joint Sessions & Speakers

Eden Gold | FIRE Up Your Leadership: Unleashing Potential Through Collaboration And Relationships

In "FIRE Up Your Leadership: Unleashing Potential Through Collaboration And Relationships," teens will explore the FIRE method: Focus, Implementation, Relationships, and Emotion. Through motivational storytelling and interactive activities, students will learn to embrace self-acceptance, prioritize mental health, and break down social barriers. Learning objectives include developing a positive self-image, fostering authentic connections, and creating action plans for leadership. This session empowers teens to confidently lead, build stronger bonds, and make a meaningful impact.



[Speaker Website & Resources](#)

Abbi Winslow | Crafting Your Tone of Influence

Did you know that the **WAY** you say something is more important than **WHAT** you say? You might have realized this when your mom got mad at you for the way you said you took out the trash. Join us in unlocking the transformative potential of tone of voice. Explore the science behind communication, the impact of different tones, and gain practical strategies to enhance relationships and leadership skills. It's time to find your voice and lead with authenticity and empathy.



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Liaison Sessions & Speakers

Haydee Antezana | Ignite Your Influence & Impact

Step into a transformative session designed to supercharge your approach to engaging today's teen leaders! This vibrant and inspiring session leverages the Powerful Principles of Influence to bridge the communication gap between you and teens. You'll walk away equipped with actionable insights to:

- **Lead with Empathy, Follow with Influence:** Deepen connections to become a more influential leader.
- **Consistency Creates Credibility:** Discover which consistent actions and messages will breed trust and respect.
- **Peer Power:** Harness the power of peer dynamics to effect change.

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Get ready to engage and inspire like never before. Join us to transform your interactions with teens!



[Speaker Website & Resources](#)

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Darryl Bellamy | Empowering Teens to Embrace the Fearless Inside

In this interactive session, adults will learn how to help teens handle fear and use it to achieve their goals. The program provides actionable insights and tools to transform fear into a valuable advantage for growth. Adults will leave with a personalized relational plan, strategies for ongoing support, and methods to build a strong peer support network among teens.



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Exclusive Benefit

Professional Headshots for All Youth Attendees Courtesy of Florence's Casa de Baca Studios

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Mayor's Youth Commission Communications and Public Affairs

Date: 08/13/2024

To: Mayor's Youth Commission

From: Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public Affairs Senior Senior Manager

Subject: City of Chandler Sponsorship Funding Program Panel Representative -
September 17, 2023, 5pm - 8pm

Background/Discussion

The City of Chandler is committed to supporting special events that strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lives. We have a short-term grant program that aids non-profit organizations in producing special events that enhance Chandler's neighborhoods. Since the grant's inception in 2002, City Council has awarded \$30,000 annually to events hosted in Chandler. Recipients are selected by a six-member panel, comprised of residents from city-appointed boards and commissions, including the Mayor's Youth Commission. One representative from the Mayor's Youth Commission will represent our group during this selection process.



Mayor's Youth Commission Communications and Public Affairs

Date: 08/13/2024
To: Mayor's Youth Commission
From: Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public Affairs Senior Senior Manager
Subject: Parade of Lights Judging - December 7, 2024, 5pm

Background/Discussion

Every December, the City of Chandler holds the Tumbleweed tree lighting and parade of lights. The parade of lights brings local businesses, community organizations, families and floats together for one glowing evening in celebration of the holidays. This parade is also a competition, with the Mayor's Youth Commission serving as the esteemed judges. This judging opportunity is for seniors only and will be limited to three Commissioners.
