

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, January 19, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Cheney at 4:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes from the December 15, 2022 Meeting

The motion was made by Chairwoman Cheney and seconded by Vice Chair Morrison for the approval of the December 15, 2022, minutes.

4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Youth Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss 2023 YOCO Calendar, Priorities, and Goals

Chairwoman Cheney asked the members what goals they wanted to achieve by the end of next month. She suggested advancing educational equity and community service. The members discussed the goals that were important to them such as getting information to students about different opportunities, volunteering for cleanups, and providing mental health resources to the homeless. The members also discussed various resources and information that students might be interested in.

The members inquired about using the City's website to post information. Audria Moore-Wells informed the members that the resources would have to be free and

open to everyone. She would present the list to the City Manager for his direction.

Discussion followed on they could reach out to the students and what mechanisms they could use.

Audria Moore-Wells asked the members if they were familiar with 211, which is available to anyone. The members discussed the possibility of using 211 as a resource because it has a list of agencies throughout the Treasure Coast that they can make referrals to or give the caller information about. They also discussed using an app specific to teens so that they can access resources.

Vice Chair Morrison suggested using social media. Mrs. Moore-Wells explained that it would not be possible because of public record requirements.

More discussion followed about using Instagram because it's easier to use for teens and adults. Mrs. Moore-Wells suggested that they come up with a set of guidelines about what could be posted on Instagram.

Mrs. Moore-Wells gave them the assignment to create a list of services and resources targeting teens. They should send the links to the websites or provide printed material.

Chairwoman Cheney brought up that at the last meeting, they had discussed the video competition and community service project. They discussed last year's and this year's criteria for the video. They also discussed the criteria for this year's community service project. She suggested that they could enter the community service contest and provided some ideas.

Mrs. Moore-Wells advised the members to decide on the type of activity. She provided Preventing Crime in the Black Community conference as an example they could follow for their community service event. She asked the members to provide ideas for the project. Further discussion followed when the members provided ideas for a community youth event. They also discussed the date and start/end times of the event.

Discussion followed regarding ideas for the event.

Mrs. Moore-Wells advised the members that if they have a speaker in mind, they will be responsible for reaching out to that person to make sure they are available for the event.

The members also discussed possible venues for the event.

Mrs. Moore-Wells advised that due to the time, the members should consider meeting again in two weeks. She also advised the members to seek support or a possible partnership for the event.

Discussion followed on how to promote the event and moved on to how to schedule the sessions.

Motion made by Reese Adams and seconded by Iyonee Allen to hold a community event targeting youth on March 25th.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Council Member Assignments

Mrs. Moore-Wells assigned the task to the members to come up with an idea that the entire group could do together and to design a flyer for the event.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Iyonee Allen and seconded by Tyanna Gore to adjourn at 5:00 PM.

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