

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, October 26, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Pierce Hall - River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of September 28, 2023 meeting minutes

4. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF 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. Youth Council Orientation: Role and Responsibilities
- b. Youth Award Recognition
- c. Video Project
- d. Community Event Volunteering
- e. Weekend Community Cleanups

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. YOCO hosted event / City of Fort Pierce Event - EMPOWER YOUTH!

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

- a. Upcoming Florida League of Cities Youth Council Programs

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4 pm

3. a.

Meeting Date: 10/26/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Approval of September 28, 2023 meeting minutes

Attachments

9.28.23 YOCO Minutes

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, September 28, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
Pierce Hall, River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Deonna Davis.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of August 17, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Tyanna Gore and seconded by Cody Ingram.

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

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Video or Photo Competition

Janessa Diaz, the Chair of the Video Competition Subcommittee, was not present, so Ms. Moore-Wells asked the members if they had any ideas for the video competition based on the requirements. She gave a rundown of the requirements for the competition. She solicited advice from the Chairperson. Deonna Davis, the Chairperson, proposed that they create a subcommittee and recruit volunteers. The following members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee: Chairperson Deonna Davis, Cody Ingram, Tenelia Garner, Tyanna Gore, and Bryanna Gore. They also decided that the subcommittee would meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. beginning on October 4th at the Boys & Girls Clubs location.

After the discussion of the video competition, Janessa Diaz arrived around 4:15 p.m. and shared her ideas with the group. She said that Lincoln Park Academy is just one of the many noteworthy educational historical landmarks in Fort Pierce. And there are educational opportunities available in Fort Pierce such as IRSC and the high schools with dual enrollment and scholarship programs. The members then shared their responses to

what makes Fort Pierce great.

b. Local Community Service Events

Since the committee's primary function is to serve as an advisory body to the City Commission, Ms. Moore-Wells questioned the members about their interest in participating in community service events.

The members talked about a number of upcoming community events, including the Community Fall Festival on October 25 from 5 to 7 p.m., Pack the House on October 20 and 21, Courageous Kids every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at 29th & G., the Chili Cookoff on October 21 from 11 to 3 p.m. at Clover Park, Trunk or Treat (various organizations), and distributing food to the hungry and to a homeless shelter. Flyers for upcoming community events hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs were also provided by Ms. Kayla Turner.

c. Council Member Assignments

Ms. Moore-Wells prompted the group to reflect on their roles and consider the kind of long-lasting impact they wished to have on their community.

Each application for the Youth Council was asked to describe their ideas and goals for the Council, their plans to support their community, one change they would make to the city, and their personal passions.

The members discussed a variety of initiatives, including a community brunch for youth and their families, basketball with a ministry encouraging youth to "put down the drugs and pick up the love," tutoring for younger students (elementary through middle school), roses for veterans, and fundraisers to support small businesses or nonprofit organizations. Each participant shared their personal passions and contributed to the discussion.

Ms. Moore-Wells informed the Youth Council that she needed to determine whether it would be possible for the Council to hold a fundraiser because it was connected to the City.

The members also talked about holiday-season community service opportunities.

d. Collaboration with other Youth Councils

Kevin Singletary with Kids at Hope had reached out to Ms. Moore-Wells to express an interest in working with the Youth Council leadership group to do something on a broader scale.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Youth Council Calendar

Ms. Moore-Wells asked the members to suggest ideas or activities for a Youth Council calendar. Many students want to volunteer, so a member suggested that the Youth Council publish a calendar listing the dates when organizations require volunteers. Additionally, some students must complete volunteer hours in order to graduate or to qualify for Bright Future scholarships, but they are unsure of where to search. The Youth Council's calendar might be a useful tool. But someone from the Youth Council would have to lead that initiative and figure out how to get that information to the teen volunteers. The use of social media for the calendar was then discussed.

b. Youth Award Recognition Program

Ms. Moore-Wells went over the Youth Award Recognition Program in greater detail. Now that the Commission has approved the award program, the Council must finalize it in order to begin working on how to promote it to the community and receive nominations for the awards. The submissions will be reviewed by the Youth Council, and recommendations will be made to the Commission. The Chair will be in charge of presenting the Commission with the recommendations. Individuals can be nominated for one of six categories. The Youth Council may be required to develop evaluation criteria. Each nomination will be reviewed by the Youth Council and ranked based on certain criteria.

The rules state that the recommended student or youth must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher, and the parent must provide proof of residency within the City's boundaries.

The Council must also determine how to honor the individuals who are selected. In order to be eligible for the award, the person nominating a youth must submit certain items, such as a recommendation letter, photos, evidence of participation, and so on. The awards will be given out twice a year, in June and December. Nominations can be submitted between January and March, and then again in July and September.

c. Community Services Event Coordinator

Ms. Moore-Wells informed the members that she is looking for a volunteer to research community service activities and community events, present them to the members to see if the Council wants to participate, create a calendar, and coordinate the participation. Janessa Davis volunteered to be the Community Services Event Coordinator.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. was made by Reese Adams and seconded by Cody Ingram.

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6. b.

Meeting Date: 10/26/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Youth Award Recognition

Attachments

Draft Award Application

Youth Award Recognition Program



Youth Award Recognition

Nominee:		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
School:	Grade Level:	Mobile Phone:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Address:	Email Address:
Person Nominating:		
First Name	Last Name	Relation to the nominee: (mother, father, teacher, etc.)
Mobile Phone:	Email Address:	Organization/Title:
Award Categories: (Select the award category the youth is being nominated for)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Innovator Award - recognizes youth who have shown excellence in the fields of math and science through research, study, or improvement in their community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond the View - recognizes youth who have different accommodations and needs that should be viewed just as normally as anyone else.	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Award - recognizes youth who have put forth efforts to make their community a better place or are active in local or state government.
<input type="checkbox"/> Visionary Award - recognizes youth who have turned creativity and knowledge into an entrepreneurial or economic venture.	<input type="checkbox"/> Role Model Award - recognizes youth who lend a helping hand to peers and younger youth in their community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Athlete Award - recognizes students who show excellence in the classroom through behavior and maintaining grades while also being an athlete.
To the Nominator: Please comment on any aspect of the applicant's background, experiences, community involvement, and leadership ability based on the category the youth is being nominated for that will help the review committee evaluate this individual. Please include a letter of recommendation.		
Why are you nominating this individual?		

Why should this nominee be selected?

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.)

Is there anything else about this nominee that ACCG should take into consideration?

I HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. I, IN NO WAY, HAVE FALSIFIED INFORMATION OR MISREPRESENTED THE ABOVE AWARD NOMINEE.

Nominator Signature _____ Date _____

All Nominations must be received no later than **DATE.**

Mail completed nomination form and letter of recommendation to:

City Manager's Office,
100 North US Hwy 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

You can also send the completed nomination form and letter of recommendation by email to:

citymanager_dl@cityoffortpierce.com.

Please call 772-467-3184 if you have any questions.

YOUTH AWARD RECOGNITION
PRESENTATION



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OVERVIEW



- Recognize achievement in positivity and different categories specific to individuality
- Identify local groups that provide some form of community involvement and social interaction for youth

EXECUTION STRATEGY



Our execution strategy is simply providing an award ceremony for local youth that family, friends, and community members can attend. This ceremony will be provided by The City of Fort Pierce.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Innovator Award- recognizes youth who have shown excellence in the fields of math and science through research, study, or improvement in their community

Beyond the View- recognizes youth who have different accommodations, and needs that should be viewed just as normally as anyone else

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Visionary Award- recognizes youth who have turned creativity and knowledge into an entrepreneurial or economic venture

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Student Athlete Award- recognizes students who show excellence in the classroom through behavior and maintaining grades while also being an athlete

RULES

Students must reside within City of
Fort Pierce

Students must have a cumulative
GPA of 2.8 or higher

Parents must provide proof of
address

AWARD SUBMISSIONS

All submissions should relate to award category said nominator is selecting student for. Must include category name in submission. **Letter of recommendations are required.**



Photo/Video



Article or Write Up



Recommendation
Letter

ORDER OF BUSINESS

January–March

Applications open

April–May:

Evaluation/selection

June:

Award Presentation

July–September:

Applications open

October–November:

Evaluation/selection

December:

Ceremony

Youth Council will review applicants during their monthly meeting and make recommendations.



DISCUSSION



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6. c.

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Re:

SUBJECT:

Video Project

Attachments

Video Competition Brochure

2023 FLORIDA LEAGUE
OF CITIES

YOUTH COUNCIL

VIDEO 
COMPETITION



OVERVIEW

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) is pleased to announce the 2023 Youth Council Video Competition! The competition aims to provide a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity and commitment to their communities.

This year's video competition asks councils, "**What makes your city, town or village great?**" Within the video, answer the following questions:

- ▶ What makes your city, town or village special?
- ▶ What does your city, town or village offer its residents, businesses and visitors?
- ▶ How does your youth council help make your city, town or village great?

The nomination must include:

1. The YouTube link to your video, up to five minutes long, that answers all questions listed in the overview section. (No other link will be accepted.)
2. A 250-words-or-less summary of your video.
3. A letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Manager, Clerk or a Councilmember/Commissioner.

The deadline for entries is **Friday, November 10, 2023**. Your nomination **will only be scored if all of the above are included**. The League is not looking for professional quality, just creativity and imagination!

APPLICATION RULES

- ▶ The Florida League of Cities video competition is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.
- ▶ Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's entry.
- ▶ The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the award money presented to the winner.
- ▶ The video should be **no more than five minutes long**.
- ▶ **The video will not be judged if you use copyrighted music and cannot prove that you have received written permission from the artist.**
- ▶ The League must receive all materials by **November 10, 2023**.

SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form found at flcities.com/municipal-youth-councils. This form will allow you to upload all documentation. Please fill out all information fields.

Submissions that are emailed or mailed will **NOT** be judged.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in December, and three projects will be selected as winners. Winners will:

- ▶ Be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms.
- ▶ Be recognized at a local City Council or Commission meeting.
- ▶ Receive a monetary award of \$250 and a trophy/plaque.

The League reserves the right not to award all prizes.

For more information, please contact Eryn Russell at 850.701.3616 or erussell@flcities.com.



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- **Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program**
The 2024 Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program will take place on January 30-31, 2024 in Tallahassee, FL.
- **Community Service Contest**
Starting each January, this contest asks youth councils to submit a youth council project that addresses a local need with local action. January – May 2024