

**FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, November 30, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

William D. Dannahower Conference Room, 2nd floor, 100 N US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of 10/26/23 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. Election of a New Chairperson
- b. Youth Award Recognition Program
- c. 2024 FLC Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program - January 30-31, 2024
- d. 2024 FLC Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4 pm

3. a.

Meeting Date: 11/30/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Approval of 10/26/23 Meeting Minutes

Attachments

Minutes

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, October 26, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Iyonee Allen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of September 28, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Tyanna Gore and seconded by Reese Adams.

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. Youth Council Orientation: Role and Responsibilities

Ms. Moore-Wells spoke about the youth council's roles and responsibilities. This youth council is not a club, but rather an advisory council focused on improving the lives of youth in Fort Pierce. It involves meeting, addressing tasks assigned by the City Commission, and advocating for improvements in the community. Members will learn about the city government's operations and participate in FLC activities, but school will always be prioritized.

- b. Youth Award Recognition

The item was tabled until the next meeting so that members could be given more information.

Ms. Moore-Wells reminded the members that this was the Council's primary assignment from the City Commission. They will need to finalize the application and the review process because the goal is to start promoting the program in January.

c. Video Project

Acting Chairperson Iyonee Allen informed the members that participation in the video project was entirely voluntary. She also shared a project idea that she had.

Ms. Moore-Wells informed the Council that Janessa Diaz had volunteered to lead the project but was unable to do so due to school obligations.

They also talked about each member making a video about something in Fort Pierce that could be included in the video project and submitted to the FLC in November. The requirements for the video project were further discussed. Some members expressed an interest in taking part in the video project.

Motion for the Youth Council video competition idea where each member will record a 45-second video and submit it by 10/30 to Mr. Moore-Wells answering all 3 questions and wearing a Fort Pierce remembered shirt made by Tyanna Gore and seconded by Tenelia Garner.

d. Community Event Volunteering

Chairperson Deonna Davis had placed this item on the agenda for discussion. Ms. Moore-Wells stated that the chairperson was considering having the Youth Council volunteer in the community. If a member is aware of an upcoming community event, he or she may bring it to the council for consideration of all members volunteering. As a reminder, there is no requirement for a member to volunteer for community service.

e. Weekend Community Cleanups

This was another item on the agenda that Chairperson Deonna Davis had placed for discussion. However, this may not be possible because some of the members are taking demanding classes or working.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Acting Chairperson Iyonee Allen solicited suggestions from members for an Empower Youth Event. She also explained what an Empower Youth event was and what the Council did for 2023 to the new members. Ms. Moore-Wells provided the requirements and deadlines for a community service event in 2024.

Chairperson Deonna Davis would like members to consider any issues that the youth

are facing that could be highlighted at the next Empower Youth event. Members suggested topics for the next event, such as college preparation, scholarship opportunities, healthy relationships/mental health, a teen survival guidebook, trade/vocational school information, cosmetology school, teen pregnancies, and community responsibilities.

The members discussed themes and offered suggestions for the next Youth Empower event.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

a. Upcoming Florida League of Cities Youth Council Programs

Ms. Moore-Wells informed the members about the upcoming Youth Council conference, which would take place in the last week of January. The final YOCO meeting will most likely be in May. In June and July, there will be no meeting.

Ms. Moore-Wells also informed the members that the YOCO meetings will be held at City Hall beginning in January 2024. She asked the members whether they would prefer to meet on the third or last Thursday of the month. The members responded that the third Thursday would be preferable. Ms. Moore-Wells stated that they would resume meeting at City Hall on the third Thursday of each month beginning in January 2024.

Ms. Moore-Wells will be sending an email to the members requesting that they provide her with 2 ideas for their 45-second video by 11/3/23 if they are participating in the contest.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Reese Adams and seconded by Tyanna Gore.

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Youth Council Advisory Committee - 4 pm

6. b.

Meeting Date: 11/30/2023

Re:

Submitted For: Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Youth Award Recognition Program

Attachments

Draft Youth Award Recognition Application



City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

Overview

As our communities are committed to providing different outlets and opportunities, this award recognition program will showcase talents, celebrate the achievements, and highlight the positive impact of the efforts of our local youth. Youth, who have performed above and beyond and excelled in the following categories:

1. Innovator Award
2. Beyond the View
3. Humanitarian Award
4. Visionary Award
5. Role Model Award
6. Student Athlete Award

The Youth Award Recognition will be awarded to youth who have shown exceptional achievements and has been identified as being clearly outstanding. **Should there be an age range like 13 to 19?**

Requests for Nominations

Area Schools, sports organizations, youth organizations, faith-based organizations, service clubs, community organizations, parents, business owners, or others who know a young person who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding achievements are requested to submit nominations using the nomination form. Nominations must contain details and examples with supporting documentation of the achievements and activities of the nominated youth as well as evidence of compliance with eligibility, general and specific criteria established in the award guidelines. Winners are selected based on a recommendation by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee is comprised of the City of Fort Pierce Youth Council. The awards will be presented in June and December of the current year.

Individuals and organizations are requested to submit nominations via the online nomination form no later than the published deadline. For further details on the nomination process please visit **WEBSITE** or contact the City Manager's Office at citymanager_dl@cityoffortpierce.com.

The City of Fort Pierce reserves the right to accept or reject any nomination or to cancel the nomination process and reject all nominations, at any time prior to presenting the awards. This, without incurring any liability to the nominator or nominee or any obligation to inform the nominator or nominee of the grounds for the decision.

Award Guidelines

Eligibility

- Nominees must reside in the City of Fort Pierce.
- Nominees must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Nominees' parents or guardian must provide proof of address.
- Nominees must be of good character.
- Nominees' qualifications must meet the award eligibility criteria.



City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

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: <i>(Select the award category the youth is being nominated for)</i>		
<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 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, photographs and/or videos, and other letters of support.		
Why are you nominating this individual for this award?		

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category their nominated for?

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category their nominated for.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should take be 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 _____

The photographs or videotapes included as part of this submission may be used in publications, websites, or other materials produced from time to time by the City of Fort Pierce.

_____ I agree.
(Initial)

_____ I do not agree.
(Initial)

Please note that the City of Fort Pierce or its commission, or its staff have no control over the use of photographs or film taken by media that may be covering events associated with this award program in which you or your child(ren) participate(s).

Signature) Date: _____ (Parent/Guardian

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

Hard copies of the application can be picked up at City Hall.

Deliver or mail completed nomination form and letter of recommendation to:

City Hall, 100 North US Highway 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.