

**FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, March 21, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **ROLL CALL**
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2024 Meeting
  
  - b. Approval of Minutes from February 29, 2024 Special Meeting
  
  - c. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024 Special Meeting
  
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. City of Fort Pierce Presentation
  
  - b. Youth Award Recognition Program
  
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. EMPOWER YOUTH! Day of Giving Debrief
  
  - b. May Meeting

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Youth Council Advisory Committee**

**3. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 03/21/2024

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2024 Meeting

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**Attachments**

2.15.24 Minutes

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## **FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, February 15, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2024 Meeting

Motion was made by Tenelia Garner, seconded by Vice Chair Tyanne Gore to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

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

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tyanna Gore, seconded by Tenelia Garner to approve the agenda as set.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Youth Award Recognition

Ms. Moore informed the members that two youths had been nominated for the Youth Award Recognition, both in the athletic category. She reminded the members that the nomination application deadline is March 31st and encouraged them to spread the word about the award program.

b. EMPOWER YOUTH Community Service Event

The members discussed the community service event, in which youth volunteers would clean up their community. Ms. Moore asked the members to register 100 youths for the clean up. The council currently has 10 members. She challenged each member to recruit ten volunteers for the cleanup. The members discussed how they could recruit volunteers.

Discussion followed on when they should hold the event. It was decided that the event should take place on Saturday, March 16th, just before spring break.

Ms. Moore encouraged the members to find their ten volunteers as soon as possible. Volunteers will need to sign up, as they did for last year's Empower Youth event.

In addition, members will need to meet every 2 weeks to finalize the event. The members discussed their availability for the additional meetings and decided on 2/29 and 3/7 at 4pm.

The members discussed the areas in the City that they wanted to clean up. Ms. Moore reminded them about the Great American Cleanup on March 9th and that they needed to select areas that had not been clean up.

Motion was made by Cody Ingram, seconded by Veronica Hypolite to approve the Youth Day of Giving clean up event on March 16, 2024.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

c. Youth Council Survey

Ms. Moore stated that at the previous meeting, the council decided to conduct a survey to solicit feedback from community youth. As of now, eight people have responded. Ms. Moore urged council members to encourage more middle and high school students to participate in the survey in order to increase response rates. The members had discussed hosting a Shark Tank-style event, but that would require a significant amount of preparation and coordination, which they do not have enough time to plan for. The survey now includes a question about a Youth Day of Giving, which is a day of community service. Youth would spend the morning doing community service and the afternoon having fun at the Rec Center on 21st Street.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Commission Presentation - Florida League of Cities 2024 Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program

The members viewed the presentations created by Veronica Hypolite and Deonna Davis about the members' attendance at the Florida League of Cities Youth Council Legislative Action Days Program in Tallahassee. They discussed how they would make their presentation to the City Commission at the second meeting in March. Each member should introduce themselves to the Commission and the ones who didn't attend the conference could speak about the Council's other activities. Ms. Moore asked the members to finalize their presentations by 3/7 so they could have an opportunity to run through them. The presentations will be scheduled for the 3/18/24 Commission meeting.

b. Youth Council Summit Save the Date

The members were provided with a flyer for an upcoming conference in October for future planning.

c. 2024 Council2College Scholarship

Ms. Moore provided the members with information about this scholarship opportunity so that they would be aware of its availability.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Youth Council Advisory Committee**

**3. b.**

**Meeting Date:** 03/21/2024

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes from February 29, 2024 Special Meeting

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**Attachments**

2.29.24 Minutes

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# **FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, February 29, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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4. **Planning of the EMPOWER YOUTH! DAY OF GIVING**

Ms. Moore informed the members that today's work meeting will focus on this year's community service event, the Youth Day of Giving. At a previous meeting, the members agreed to recruit at least ten people from the community to volunteer for the event. Today, members must identify areas of the community that require improvement. The Public Works Department will assist with the event, and Ms. Moore is working with them to ensure its success.

The event involves a clean-up in specific locations targeting the community. Following the event, a fun day is planned at the Rec Center with bounce houses, water activities, and music to kick off spring break. Ms. Moore challenged Council members to recruit the most youth, with the winning member receiving recognition. A QR code-encoded flyer was distributed to all the members for registration for the event. So far, three people have registered.

Ms. Moore stated that today they will be assessing the members' commitment to recruiting youth for the upcoming community services event. If they are unable to meet the target, the event may be canceled due to its proximity to 3/16/24. We don't want to make commitments with vendors if we don't have enough youth. The goal is to have 100 youths, and each team member has agreed to recruit ten. Janessa Diaz, who is unable to attend due to illness, has confirmed that 17 people will be participating, and she has also contacted a school club to recruit 20 additional students. Janessa has currently recruited 36.

Ms. Moore asked each member to share their progress in recruiting youth for the event.

After each member provided an update on their recruitment progress, they discussed which areas of the community could benefit from some improvement. They discussed meeting at the Fort Pierce Rec Center after about 3 hours of volunteer service for lunch and fun in the park.

Commissioner Gaines said that he wanted the event to be a success and that he would commit 100 middle school and high school kids to participating in the event.

Commissioner Gaines also encouraged the members. He advised them that if the response they received was negative, it was their responsibility to turn it into a positive and explain why it was important. You are the future of our city. Someone from the Council could be the next person to sit down in my seat. You need to sell your program.

The members continued giving their recruitment progress reports. Unfortunately, there was no significant recruitment effort. Ms. Moore said that at this point they need to decide whether they were going to postpone the event to a later date. They decided that they did not want to postpone it and would increase their recruitment effort.

Ms. Moore asked the members if they had ideas of where they wanted to start the community cleanup. She also mentioned that on March 9th there will be a quarterly clean up by Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful and they have identified sites in the community.

The Youth Council has taken the responsibility to recruit the youth for their clean up event and to identify the locations within the community. The members provided input on the areas to add to the list for clean up.

Veronica Hypolite pointed out a typo on the flyer and Ms. Moore addressed the QR code issue, ensuring it would be corrected and sent to everyone.

Ms. Moore requested each member to have six youth registered by March 7th, while the Chairperson Lyonee Allen emphasized the need for more cleanup location ideas.

Ms. Turner stated that this is an important event for the youth, and that all YOCO members must participate in its planning and execution. The goal is to reach out to the community's youth, and members should look for ways to interest their peers in the Youth Council's important topics. She advised the members to use the remainder of the meeting to finalize the event's action steps so that they could begin planning and carrying it out at the next meeting. Members must complete the planning stage today in order for the event to have an impact on their community.

The members discussed how to improve their recruitment efforts and the activities planned for fun in the park, the event to follow after the clean up,

5. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Bryanna Gore; seconded by Tenelia Garner to adjourn the meeting.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

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**Youth Council Advisory Committee**

**3. c.**

**Meeting Date:** 03/21/2024

**Re:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024 Special Meeting

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**Attachments**

3.7.24 Minutes

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# FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, March 7, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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4. **EMPOWER YOUTH! Day of Giving**

Ms. Moore stated that the only topic of discussion today will be Empower Youth. There have been additional signups. Currently, 41 youth and five adults have signed up.

Today we need to identify and finalize the locations and fun in the park.

The members discussed the areas that they wanted to clean up, with everyone contributing to the conversation. Six locations were selected.

The conversation then turned to activities for fun in the park. Ms. Moore informed the members that they needed to find a DJ who could play music from 12 p.m. to 2 pm. She has reached out to a company that can provide several activities that include a water based 70 foot obstacle course, dunk tank, inflatable basketball, and dry slide.

The members began discussing a possible DJ to hire for fun in the park. Ms. Moore asked the members to provide her with the DJ's cost for his services.

The members discussed their ideas about the possibility of having popcorn and cotton candy, vendor tables, board games or an arts and crafts table at fun in the park.

The discussion turned to the lunch that will be provided to the clean-up volunteers. Lunch boxes containing turkey, ham, or veggie subs were chosen as the best option. Ms. Moore explained that this is why the volunteers must register so that we can provide them with lunch. They will also use color bands to ensure that everyone who signs up receives one to pick up their lunch box later.

A member inquired whether the volunteers would be given water. Ms. Moore said that water would definitely be provided to the volunteers, and that the rec center has ice. Both room temperature and ice cold water will be available.

The discussion moved onto the clothing and equipment for the clean up event. Keep Fort Pierce

Beautiful shirts will be provided to the volunteers. The volunteers will also receive fluorescent vests, gloves and pickers. On Saturday morning at 8am, everyone will check in at the Fort Pierce Rec Center and receive their gear. After checking in, the members will receive their assignments for each of the six projects.

One of the members volunteered to get a quote from a restaurant to provide a lunch box with sub, cookie and chips for 75 people.

Ms. Moore requested that members arrive at the rec center by 7:30am for the clean up event scheduled from 8am to 11:30am.

By consensus, the members agreed to be at the rec center by 7:45am. Due to a prior engagement, Ms. Turner will need to leave at 1pm.

The members agreed to set up at the rec center on Friday, the day before the event, at 10:30am due to school closure. They will be there on Saturday, the 16th, at 7:45am.

Ms. Moore said that registrations will be capped at 75.

Vice Chair Tyanna Gore gave a summary of the schedule of events for Friday and Saturday.

Ms. Moore said that she will send an email to the members with a summary of what was discussed at today's meeting.

5. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Deonna Davis, seconded by Cody Ingram to adjourn the meeting.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

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