

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**

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 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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