

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, May 16, 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 April 18, 2024 Meeting

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 Award Recognition Program Nominations
- Adrianna Spotts
 - Jaylyn Monds
 - Molly Grow
- b. Florida League of Cities 2024 Youth Legislative Action Days Presentation

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. EMPOWER YOUTH! Day of Giving Presentation
- b. Upcoming City Commission Meetings

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Youth Council Advisory Committee

3. a.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2024

Re:

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

4.18.24 Minutes

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100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Iyonee Allen called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2024 Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tyanna Gore, seconded by Janessa Diaz to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

b. Approval of Minutes from February 29, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tyanna Gore, seconded by Janessa Diaz to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2024 meeting.

All members were in favor. Motion passed.

c. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tyanna Gore, seconded by Janessa Diaz to approve the minutes of the March 7, 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.

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Susan Parry requested an update of the Empower Youth! Day of Giving event.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. City of Fort Pierce Presentation

The members discussed scheduling their presentations for two events before the Commission. They identified the last meeting in May as the deadline. With the date for the presentation now set, responsibilities were assigned. Additional discussion regarding the content and materials for the presentation followed. The members focused on coordinating their efforts, sharing photos for the presentation slides, and finalizing their scripts. Clarifications were made regarding who would be handling which presentation, ensuring that everyone would be prepared for the upcoming meeting.

b. Community Service Award Submission

As an update, Ms. Moore informed the members that the Community Service Award submission had been sent to the Florida League of Cities. The submission is currently under review, with the outcome expected in May.

c. Youth Award Recognition Program

Ms. Moore directed the members' attention to the folders containing three nominations, explaining that three others were disqualified for not meeting jurisdiction requirements. She asked the members to review the nominations and informed them that they would soon receive a form to score them. Ms. Moore emphasized the importance of confidentiality during the process, and they would reconvene in May to discuss the scores and recommend winners to the Commission.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Annual Open Government Training

Fort Pierce City Attorney Sarah Hedges discussed open government laws, focusing on the Sunshine Law, during her presentation. She emphasized the importance of adhering to this law, which required board discussions to be held in open meetings. Ms. Hedges highlighted the consequences of violating the Sunshine Law, ranging from fines to potential jail time, citing an example of severe violations in Sebastian. She stressed the need for board members to conduct all discussions within official meetings to avoid legal repercussions.

Ms. Hedges also covered public records laws, explaining that these laws granted public

access to records upon request unless exempt or confidential. She emphasized the importance of preserving records, even personal communications related to city business, and advised board members to maintain records diligently. Regarding conflicts of interest, Ms. Hedges highlighted the importance of transparency and abstention from voting when conflicts arise. She recommended disclosing conflicts and filing necessary forms, as well as seeking legal advice when needed.

Overall, Ms. Hedges underscored the City Attorney's role in advising on matters that protected the city's interests and encouraged board members to seek legal advice for personal matters, providing resources for further exploration of ethics and legal guidelines.

b. **EMPOWER YOUTH! Day of Giving Debrief**

Chairperson Iyonee Allen transitioned the discussion to the Empower Youth! project, expressing satisfaction with the outcome. Ms. Moore acknowledged the hard work of the participants and provided details about the cleanup efforts at various locations. She commended the groups for their dedication and mentioned the nomination for a Community Service award. Ms. Moore encouraged the board members to start planning future projects and acknowledged Janessa Diaz for recruiting the most volunteers. The Youth Council applauded Janessa's achievement. Ms. Moore reflected on the positive aspects of the project, including community engagement and interaction among the participants. She concluded by urging the members to consider their future impact on the community.

c. **May Meeting**

Ms. Moore mentioned that the May meeting would be the last one of the year and outlined the agenda, including reviewing the presentations for the Commission and acknowledging the members who would be leaving. A member suggested doing something for the members who would be leaving. Ms. Moore clarified that they would likely bring the departing members before the Commission in June to acknowledge their service. The members expressed their willingness to organize something for the departing members.

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

City Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson requested permission to speak as a Staff member under Staff Comments. He expressed his excitement about participating and learning from the Youth Council members about their activities and contributions to the community. He shared ideas about engaging with the student government associations (SGAs) from local high schools as a valuable resource for generating ideas and fostering community engagement. Commissioner Johnson emphasized the importance of branching out from the school level to engage with local government and suggested reaching out to SGAs for collaboration. Mr. Bradley, the SGA coordinator, echoed Commissioner Johnson's sentiments, highlighting the potential for increased engagement and involvement by connecting with SGAs and expanding outreach efforts. Commissioner Johnson underscored the importance of being the voice of the people as a Commissioner and encouraged the Youth Council to continue their efforts and expand their impact. He also hinted at sharing insights about navigating social media in the public and private spheres in future interactions.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Vice Chair Tyanna Gore, seconded by Janessa Diaz to adjourn the meeting.

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Adrianna Spotts

Jaylyn Monds

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City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

Youth Award Recognition Program Overview

Overview

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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 have been identified as being clearly outstanding.

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 contact Audria Moore at amoore@cityoffortpierce.com or call 772.467.3184.

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.

Award Guidelines

Eligibility

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

Click Continue below to complete the Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form on the next page.

Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form

NOMINEE

First Name	Adrianna
Last Name	Spotts
School	Westwood High School
Grade Level	Freshman
Phone Number	772-206-9290
Gender	Femald
Address1	1119 Trinidad Avenue
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Fort Pierce
State	FL

Zip 34982

Email Address chunguen0724@icloud.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name Delores (Dj)

Last Name Gardner

Organization/Title Individual

Relation to Nominee Neighbor/Friend

Email Address Djgard1971@gmail.com

Phone Number 772-971-6168

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.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD

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Award Categories

ROLE MODEL AWARD

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 an award?

I have had the pleasure of having deep conversations with Adrianna. Although she is just 14 years old, she already has her goals for the future in mind, and works towards them constantly. She aspires to be a Travelling Nurse Practitioner so she can see the world. In every endeavor, she gives her all, and if there are monetary rewards for what she does, it goes directly into savings for her future car, and her future. She is aware that extra-curricular activities will give her a leg up when she applies to colleges, and never turns down a challenge. She has told me often that her parents have raised her with love and good values and she wants to make them proud. She is very down to earth and humble when speaking about her accomplishments.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Adrianna has been in 4H for 8 years, serving as President (currently) twice, Vice President twice, Treasurer, and she is Vice President currently of her County Council. Her position in 4H is a Leadership/Role Model position and she is patient when she shares her expertise with other members. She quoted "Any area I can help out, I do it." "I love teaching others."

She has been a Girl Scout for 10 years, from Daisy at age 5, to Senior Scout now. She has achieved her Bronze and Silver

Awards. The Bronze Award was achieved during Covid by receiving donations of shirts, gloves, hand sanitizers and masks and then donating bags containing all of these items to Lawnwood Hospital. As her Silver Award project, she put together Painted Rock Kindness Gardens at Lake Forest Park Assisted Living, Orange Avenue Women's Center and at the barn where she boards her horse. She has close to 100 badges earned thru Cadette and Senior Girl Scouting. She had sold the most cookies for her troop for the past two years, at a count of 1400+, working booths with other scouts and knocking on doors, as well as visiting businesses.

As a member of FFA since August when she entered Westwood, she has qualified for the Horse Judging Team and made it to the State. Their team reached 10th in State for online preliminaries (out of 200 teams).

She is a member of Ring & Spurs Drill Team since August of 2023, as a member of the Youth Quad Team. She participates in 6 different drills (classes), helping younger members as needed.

Adrianna is a Straight A Honor Student. 3 of her classes in 9th grade are Honors Classes and 1 is an Ace class. She is taking Anatomy & Physiology, which are 11th grade classes.

She participates in the County Fair every year as a horsewoman, but this year also entered a photograph, a barrel in the horticulture category, a watercolor painting, button art, resin art, a poster (demonstrating the need for horse nutrition), pottery, and 4 baked items.

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

4H, Girl Scouts, FFA, Drill Team (horses). She attends church on Sundays. As a 4H member, she worked in the food booth at the County Fair 4 nights during the fair.

Is there anything else about this nominee that

Adrianna is mature for her age. She reaches out to help wherever she can, gets involved in any activity available to her,

should be taken into consideration? and assists or teaches younger or less experienced members of those activities.

Attach letter of recommendation [IMG_2186.JPG](#)

Attach photographs [IMG_2179.JPG](#)

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I have completed this form to the best of my ability. I, in no way, have falsified information or misrepresented the above award nominee.

By typing your name, you are signing this nomination form.

Nominator Signature Delores J (Dj) Gardner

Date 3/26/2024

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NOMINEE

First Name	Jaylyn
Last Name	Monds
School	Fort Pierce Westwood
Grade Level	12
Phone Number	7726071977
Gender	M
Address1	945 bent creek drive
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	fort piece
State	Florida

Zip 34937

Email Address jaylynmonds1@gmail.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name Erica

Last Name Monds

Organization/Title N/A

Relation to Nominee Mother

Email Address ericamonds@yahoo.com

Phone Number 7726071977

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Jaylyn is a very hard-working young man. He has maintained a 4.0 both nine weeks while working 2 jobs at Sams Club and 7 Brew all while playing sports. Jaylyn is a very dedicated and responsible athlete who does well on and off the field. He takes time make sure he works out and trains vigorously in both baseball and football.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Jaylyn shines both on and off the field. He recently signed an athletic Scholarship to play Division 1 college football. He also maintains excellent grades while juggling a vigorous schedule at MOA. He is on target to graduate with an AICE diploma.

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

Jaylyn plays both football and baseball for his high school team. He also plays football for a 7vs team. He assists his father when needed in mentoring and guiding younger athletes with the non-profit Give Back to Kids inc. on how to work hard and the tools needed to be a successful student athlete.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration? Please consider Jaylyn for such a wonderful nomination. He is a well-liked respected, dedicated hard working student athlete who holds down a 4.0 while working and excelling at sports.

Attach letter of recommendation [recommendation letter from Lydia for Jaylyn.docx](#)

Attach photographs [photo of jaylyn monds.docx](#)

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I have completed this form to the best of my ability. I, in no way, have falsified information or misrepresented the above award nominee.

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Nominator Signature Erica Monds

Date 1/26/2024

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NOMINEE

First Name	Molly
Last Name	Grow
School	Creative Arts Academy of St. Lucie (CAST)
Grade Level	7
Phone Number	7722672658
Gender	female
Address1	713 S 10th St.
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Fort Pierce
State	FL

Zip 34950

Email Address jenaay@yahoo.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name Jenny

Last Name Tomes

Organization/Title Port St. Lucie Utility Systems, Community Outreach Assistant Manager

Relation to Nominee Mother

Email Address jenaay@yahoo.com

Phone Number 7722672658

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Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

Molly's school crossing guard, Ms. Diana, asked me to nominate Molly on her behalf. She sees Molly twice a day and has gotten to know her very well over the last few years. She was so excited to tell me about this opportunity and thinks Molly would make a great candidate for the Visionary Award.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Molly has turned into an amazing salesperson! This is her second year raising money for the CAST Band by selling the World's Finest Chocolate. Last year she sold 8 boxes of 60 bars for a total of 480. She sold the most of any band member and won the grand prize of a 5-pound chocolate bar. She gave the giant chocolate bar to the staff at Pierced Cider, the location where she sold the most bars, to thank them for allowing her to sell there. This year, she aimed to sell 10 boxes, which she did! Ms. Diana has been so impressed with the way she comes to school every day to turn in an empty box for a new full one.

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

Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA), the Treasure Coast Chapter's only student member. Molly made bracelets and sold them at FPRA's annual conference in August 2023 to raise money for the chapter. She raised \$50!

Drummer and percussionist in CAST's concert band and jazz band. Molly sold 480 candy bars in 2023 and 600 candy bars

relates to the category for which they are nominated.

this year to raise money for the CAST band.

Recycled2Retro Social Media Manager. Molly manages my upcycled shirt company's Instagram page and helps create content to announce sales and new merchandise. She has also assisted at special events by taking card payments with our Clover payment system.

Rubber Band Bonanza. Molly has her own company and Instagram page for her rubber band bracelet business. She also sells them at the events we attend.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Molly is incredibly driven and truly enjoys working toward her goals. I'm unsure which career path she will choose, but I know she will be a productive and ambitious community member.

Attach letter of recommendation

[Letter.pdf](#)

Attach photographs

[molly-at-fpra-conf.jpg](#)

Attach video

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Nominator Signature

Jennifer Tomes

Date

3/27/2024

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Florida League of Cities 2024 Youth Legislative Action Days

Presented by Fort Pierce YOCO



FIRST DAY

Our first day of legislative action days, we learned the concept of public speaking and how to pitch ideas to our city council.

We participated in fun activities to learn more about all the other youth councils and what they are doing in their cities.

Our speakers for the day gave us key notes and details on how to stand up and speak in front of a crowd without looking nervous.

Some of the tips were simply walking around or slow pacing while talking, keep your eyes on a steady object to focus , and try not to go over your speech too many times the night before because you are bound to forget.

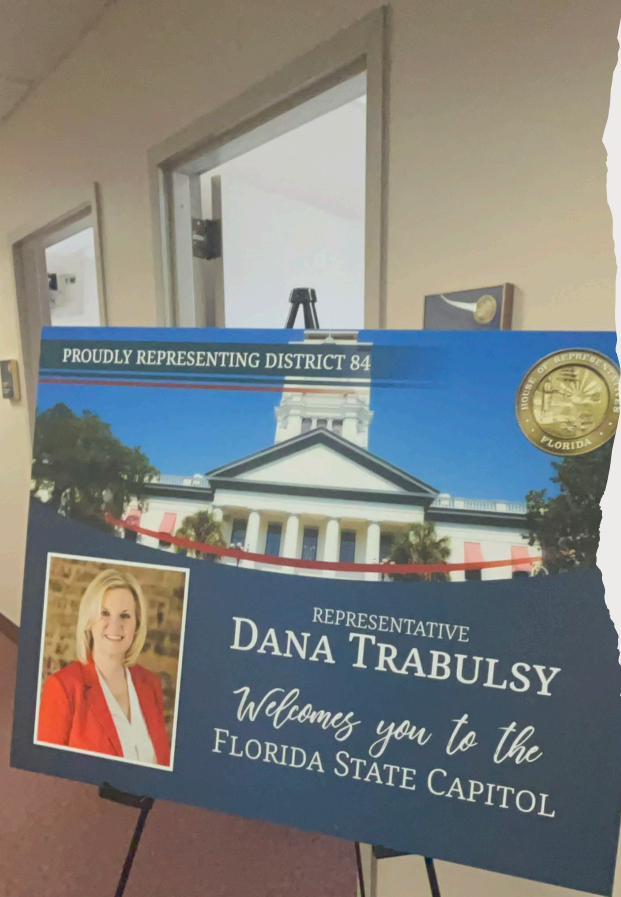


SECOND DAY

On the second day, we split up in groups to produce a pitch for a skate park.

Each group went up to the council and pitched the idea in under a minute. In our groups, we had to think of things like "is this park going to be free of cost", "where will it be located", "is it too loud for residents", and more.

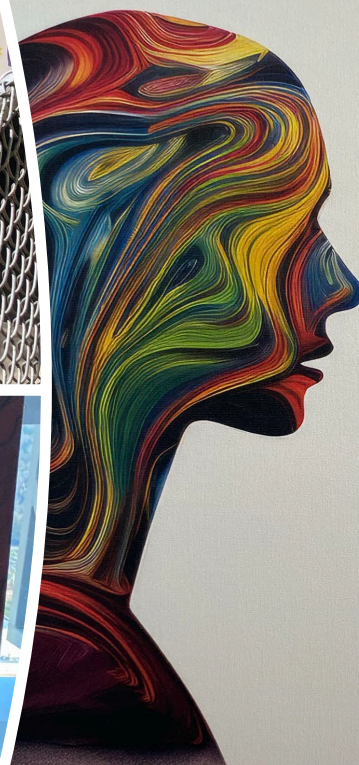
We also went to meet Representative Dana Trabulsy and she told us about all the things she's working on. In addition to sharing information about the bills she's advocating for, Rep. Trabulsy gifted us with a commemorative cup which included a photo of our beautiful peacocks located in the Peacock District in our city.



The End

Overall, this trip was a great success. Collaborating with other youth councils and gaining information to bring back was not only motivational but helpful in many ways.

Thank you all for approving and sponsoring this trip. It was a great experience for us second timers and those who are getting the experience for the first time.



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EMPOWER YOUTH! Day of Giving Presentation

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Presentation

Empower Youth

Day of giving



Helping out the community



Through team
work





And



Community



Integrity



Were able

we



Our gratitude



To show





To Our Amazing
Community

In locations like:

MLK, Jr. Dreamland Park

S. 25th St. and Atlantic Ave.

Pioneer Park

N. 29th St. and Ave. M

Avenue D

N. 13th to N. 25th

Coach Fenn Park

N. 23rd St and Ave. K

Percy Peek Gymnasium

2902 Avenue D

Kids' Crossing Playground

23rd Street





8 AM – 11:30 AM VOLUNTEER
12 PM – 2 PM LUNCH & FUN IN THE PARK