

Youth Commission
 Goodyear City Hall
 190 North Litchfield Road, Room 117
 Goodyear, AZ 85338



Wednesday, August 25, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lauritano called the Youth Commission meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro; Commissioner Alex Belanger; Commissioner Raymond Gue; Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano; Commissioner Patrick Bednarz; Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Lucy Castro; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Ivan Diaz; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Marianna Glass; Commissioner Marissa Kutt; Commissioner Azyus Bird; Commissioner Sidney Phillips; Commissioner Krislyn Lyons; Commissioner Paloma Sanchez; Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo; Commissioner Emily Shanafelf; Commissioner Emily McGee; Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Absent: Commissioner Jackson Hamblin; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; Commissioner Allen Tat

Staff Assistant to the Council John Raeder; City Clerk Darcie McCracken; Recreation

Present: Coordinator Steve Richardson

Attendees: Mayor Georgia Lord

MOTION BY Commissioner Makayla Bradley, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Alex Belanger to **EXCUSE** Commissioner Jackson Hamblin; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; and Commissioner Allen Tat.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emily McGee, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. New Commissioner Swearing-in Ceremony (Darcie McCracken, City Clerk)

City Clerk Darcie McCracken conducted a swearing-in for newly appointed Youth Commissioners: Alex Belanger, Emily McGee, Lyndon Kov, Emma Yocopis; Azyus Bird and Krislyn Lyons.

Mayor Georgia Lord welcomed the Youth Commissioners and thanked them for their service to the city of Goodyear.

2. **APPROVE** the draft minutes for the December 2, 2020, January 27, 2021, and February 24, 2021, Youth Commission meetings.

MOTION BY Commissioner Lyndon Kov, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Alex Belanger to **APPROVE** the minutes from the December 2, 2020, January 27, 2021, and February 24, 2021, Youth Commission meetings.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emily McGee, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Passed - Unanimously

3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair (John Raeder, Assistant to the City Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder reviewed the criteria in the Youth Commission By-Laws for selecting the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Commissioner Makayla Bradley and Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano expressed interest in serving as Chair and explained why they wanted to serve and what they hoped to accomplish.

MOTION BY Commissioner Makayla Bradley, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley to **SELECT** Victoria Lauritano as Chair of the Youth Commission.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emily McGee, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Passed - Unanimously

Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Raymond Gue, and Commissioner Emily Shanafelf expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair and explained why they wanted to serve and what they hoped to accomplish.

MOTION BY Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, **SECONDED BY** Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano to **SELECT** Commissioner Raymond Gue as Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Vice Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Makayla Bradley, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Sidney Phillips, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emily McGee, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Passed - Unanimously

4. Youth Commission Overview and Upcoming Activities (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Assistant to the Council John Raeder provided an overview of the Youth Commission, including the purpose of the Commission and accomplishments from FY21. Mr. Raeder also reviewed upcoming events and activities.

5. Goodyear Recreation Campus Overview and Tour (Parks and Recreation Staff)

Recreation Coordinator Steve Richardson provided a presentation on the Goodyear Recreation Campus. He explained that the Recreation Center includes a teen room, indoor walking track, community rooms, indoor courts and workout areas. The Campus also has a 30-acre community park and aquatics center. Mr. Richardson noted that the Parks and Recreation Department would welcome assistance from the Youth Commission with programing space and hosting events.

Mr. Richardson provided a tour of the Recreation Center for Commissioners and guests.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Comments, Commendations, Report on Current Events and Presentations by Board, Commission or Committee Members, staff or members of the public. The members may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be September 22, 2021, at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Lauritano adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Victoria Lauritano, Chairman

Date: _____