

Youth Commission

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



Wednesday, November 17, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Patrick Bednarz called the Youth Commission meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro; Commissioner Alex Belanger; Commissioner Jackson Hamblin; Chair (via MS Teams) Victoria Lauritano; Commissioner Patrick Bednarz; Commissioner Lucy Castro; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Marianna Glass; Commissioner Marissa Kutt; Commissioner Krislyn Lyons; Commissioner Paloma Sanchez; Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo; Commissioner Emily Shanafelf; Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Absent: Vice Chair Raymond Gue; Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Ivan Diaz; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Azyus Bird; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; Commissioner Allen Tat; Commissioner Emily McGee

Staff Assistant to the Council John Raeder

Present:

MOTION BY Commissioner Lyndon Kov, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Marianna Glass to EXCUSE Vice Chair Raymond Gue; Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Ivan Diaz; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Azyus Bird; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; Commissioner Allen Tat; Commissioner Emily McGee.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Chair (via MS Teams) Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Other: Vice Chair Raymond Gue (Excused), Commissioner Makayla Bradley (Excused), Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley (Excused), Commissioner Ivan Diaz (Excused), Commissioner Elias Linn (Excused), Commissioner Azyus Bird (Excused), Commissioner Kirby Maitra (Excused), Commissioner Allen Tat (Excused), Commissioner Emily McGee (Excused)

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

MOTION BY Commissioner Lyndon Kov, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Emily Shanafelf **APPROVE** the draft minutes from the September 22, 2021 Youth Commission meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Chair (via MS Teams) Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Lyndon Kov, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

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2. Ice Breaker: Circle Game

Mr. Raeder and the Commission participated in "Circle Game" icebreaker activity. In this game, Commissioners stood in a circle facing each other. Mr. Raeder made various statements and Commissioners stepped forward if the statement applied to them.

Mr. Raeder explained that this activity was conducted at the Commission's Cookie's, Coco and Convo event and is designed to encourage participants to learn about one another and recognize shared interests and experiences.

3. Teen Movie Night Planning (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

The Youth Commission engaged in a planning discussion for hosting a teen movie night in December at the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Commissioners determined a location, date, movie, decorations, and food. They also assigned tasks for creating a flyer and jobs during the event.

4. Youth Commission PSA Update (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

The Youth Commission discussed creating a holiday themed anti-vaping PSA and/or a mental health awareness message.

5. **National League of Cities (NLC) Washington DC Trip Update (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)**

The National League of Cities encourages the participation of youth (15-18 years old) in the Congressional City Conference on March 16-22 in Washington, DC. At the Congressional City Conference, youth delegates will have the opportunity to learn how federal policy and legislation affects their own cities and towns. Mr. Raeder explained that Goodyear would send four (4) delegates to the conference, and per the Youth Commission by-laws, the chair Victoria Lauritano and co-chair Raymond Gue will automatically fill two of our spots, if available, and the remaining two slots will be selected by the Commission from our upper classman at the January meeting.

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.

No announcements or reports provided.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be January 26, 2022, at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bednarz adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Victoria Lauritano, Chairman

Date:_____