

Youth Commission

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



Wednesday, January 26, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lauritano called the Youth Commission meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro; Commissioner Jackson Hamblin; Commissioner Raymond Gue; Commissioner Victoria Lauritano; Commissioner Patrick Bednarz; Commissioner Lucy Castro; Commissioner Ivan Diaz; Commissioner Marianna Glass; Commissioner Marissa Kutt; Commissioner Azyus Byrd; Commissioner Krislyn Lyons; Commissioner Paloma Sanchez; Commissioner Allen Tat; Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo; Commissioner Emily Shanafelf; Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Absent: Commissioner Alex Belanger; Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; Commissioner Emily McGee

Staff Assistant to the Council John Raeder

Present:

Attendees: Christine McMurdy , Project Management Coordinator

MOTION BY Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Raymond Gue to EXCUSE Commissioner Alex Belanger; Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Kirby Maitra; Commissioner Emily McGee.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Byrd, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Allen Tat, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

MOTION BY Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Marissa Kutt to APPROVE the draft minutes for the November 17, 2021 Youth Commission meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Commissioner Raymond Gue, Commissioner Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Marianna Glass, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Byrd, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Paloma Sanchez, Commissioner Allen Tat, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emma Yocopis

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2. **Micro-Transit Discussion** (Christine McMurdy, Project Management Coordinator)

Project Management Coordinator Christine McMurdy presented on a microtransit pilot program and reviewed current regional transit services offered in Goodyear such as a park and ride, ride choice service, and dial-a-ride.

Ms. McMurdy spoke about the Proposition 400 half-cent sales tax for transportation expiring in 2025. She added that the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council approved a long-term vision for transportation planning in the region to renew and extend Proposition 400, which would include a performance-based transit system.

Ms. McMurdy explained that microtransit is an application (app) enabled, private, multi-passenger service that serves passengers using dynamically generated routes that may expect passengers to make their way to and from common pick-up and drop-off points. Flexible services like microtransit offer a solution for sparser, underserved areas where fixed route service may not be realistic. She reviewed the pillars of microtransit which included coverage, convenience and cost.

3. **National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference Delegation Presentations** (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder explained that the Youth Commissioner would be participating in the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference on March 12-16, 2022 in Washington DC. Per the Youth Commission by-laws, the chair and co-chair will automatically fill two of our spots and the remaining two slots will be selected by the Commission from our upper classman, with at least one year of service.

To select the delegation for the remaining two available spots, interested Commissioners were asked to prepare a presentation on, "Why I should represent the Youth Commission at the NLC Congressional Cities Conference in Washington DC". Mr. Raeder asked Commissioner to rank the presentations to determine the delegation, based on the following criteria:

- How long have you served on the commission and how have you demonstrated

leadership during that time?

- Why do you wish to attend the conference and what do you hope to learn about?
- How will you use what you learned to benefit the community and the commission?

Commissioners Patrick Bednarz, Lorenzo Castro, Jackson Hamblin, Emily Shanafelt, and Makayla Bradley (Commissioner Bradley's presentation was pre-recorded) expressed interest in attending and provided a presentation.

The Commissioners selected Commissioners Jackson and Shanafelt to represent the Youth Commission at the NLC Congressional Cities Conference.

4. **Project Planning and Next Steps** (John Raeder, Assistant to the Council)

Mr. Raeder stated that the Commission needed to begin planning for the Cookies, Cocoa & Convo event for the Spring. He indicated that he would schedule an additionally meeting for planning purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Raeder reminded the Commission that the next meeting will begin at 5:00 PM at the Goodyear Recreation Campus. The Commission will be participating in a leadership training session with facilitator Dave Souza.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be February 23, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Lauritano adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Victoria Lauritano, Chairman

Date:_____