

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



Wednesday, March 23, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro; Commissioner Alex Belanger; Commissioner Jackson Hamblin; Vice Chair Raymond Gue; Chair Victoria Lauritano; Commissioner Patrick Bednarz; Commissioner Lucy Castro; Commissioner Ivan Diaz; Commissioner Marissa Kutt; Commissioner Azyus Bird; Commissioner Krislyn Lyons; Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo; Commissioner Emily Shanafelf; Commissioner Emily McGee

Absent: Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Marianna Glass; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Paloma Sanchez; Commissioner Emma Yocopis

Staff Assistant to the Council John Raeder

Present:

Attendees: Sandra Espinoza, Crisis Response Coordinator, Joe Hernandez, Firefighter/Paramedic, Erika Mansur, Assistant Attorney General

MOTION BY Commissioner Emily McGee, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Alex Belanger to **EXCUSE** Commissioner Makayla Bradley; Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley; Commissioner Lyndon Kov; Commissioner Marianna Glass; Commissioner Elias Linn; Commissioner Paloma Sanchez; and Commissioner Emma Yocopis.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Vice Chair Raymond Gue, Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelf, Commissioner Emily McGee

Other: Commissioner Makayla Bradley (Excused), Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley (Excused), Commissioner Lyndon Kov (Excused), Commissioner Marianna Glass (Excused), Commissioner Elias Linn (Excused), Commissioner Paloma Sanchez (Excused), Commissioner Emma Yocopis (Excused)

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

MOTION BY Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Emily McGee to **APPROVE** the minutes for the February 23, 2022 Youth Commission meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Lorenzo Castro, Commissioner Alex Belanger, Commissioner Jackson Hamblin, Vice Chair Raymond Gue, Chair Victoria Lauritano, Commissioner Patrick Bednarz, Commissioner Lucy Castro, Commissioner Ivan Diaz, Commissioner Marissa Kutt, Commissioner Azyus Bird, Commissioner Krislyn Lyons, Commissioner Alan Torres Arroyo, Commissioner Emily Shanafelt, Commissioner Emily McGee

Other: Commissioner Makayla Bradley (Excused), Commissioner Teriah Cortez-Beasley (Excused), Commissioner Lyndon Kov (Excused), Commissioner Marianna Glass (Excused), Commissioner Elias Linn (Excused), Commissioner Paloma Sanchez (Excused), Commissioner Emma Yocopis (Excused)

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2. Attorney General's Counterstrike Program.

Assistant Attorney General Erika Mansur presented on the Attorney General's Office Counter Strike program. She explained that the program's goal is to reduce youth access to tobacco in retail outlets by systematically monitoring retailer compliance with state laws which prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. The program also serves to coordinate and encourage local enforcement with those laws. Ms. Mansur also discussed the criteria for the youth undercover program and how teens can get involved with the Counter Strike Task Force.

3. Goodyear Community Response Team Presentation.

Crisis Coordinator Sandra Espinoza and Goodyear Firefighter Joe Hernandez presented on the Goodyear Community Response Team. Ms. Espinoza explained that the Community Response Team provides longer-term support for residents impacted by the crisis. That includes providing temporary shelter and toiletry needs for residents whose home may have been damaged by a fire, and financial and mental-health resources for residents coping with the sudden loss of a loved one.

4. National League of Cities Congressional Conference Report.

Chair Lauritano and Commissioners Emily Shanafelt, Patrick Bednarz, and Jackson Hamblin provided a report on the highlights from the NLC Congressional Conference in Washington, DC.

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.

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be April 27, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Lauritano adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by:

John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

Victoria Lauritano, Chair

Date: _____

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