



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission February 2, 2016

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on February 2, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Teen Center, 3500 S. Rural Road lower level, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present: Daniel Bish, Alexis Blanc, Kevin Dunnahoo, Gabriel Edwards, Ryan Emerson, Juliet Farr, Sophia Gonzalez, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Nicholas Hargis, Chris Moffitt, Nomith Murari, Marissa Salazar, Carter Vierra, Safiyah Zubair, and Elizabeth Zyriek.

MEMBERS Absent: Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Hayden Eastwood, Jason George, Nandini Mishra, Aemelia Morris, Jaren Savage, and Ellie Young.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa.

Guests Present:None.

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions

Chris Moffitt, MYAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2016

Daniel Bish, Youth Town Hall Chair, read the minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting.

Motion: **Daniel** motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: **Gabriel Edwards** seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

Kevin Dunnahoo, MYAC Treasurer provided the Treasurer's Report.

Agenda Item 4 – Announcements

- 1) **Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor** informed the group that she will email them a schedule so they can sign up to volunteer for the MYAC C.I.T.Y. Community Garden at the Tempe Public Library.
- 2) **Sophia Gonzalez** and **Alexis Blanc** provided an overview of the Scottsdale Youth Commission's Youth (SYC) Town Hall, which was held on January 21st at ASU Sky Song in Scottsdale, Arizona.
 - The event lasted from 4-7pm.

- The event was significantly smaller than the Tempe Youth Town Hall and the Chandler Youth Council attended the event as well.
- The main topic at the event was diversity.
- **Sophia** and **Alexis** believed that the SYC members did a good job of facilitating discussions, though there did not seem to be a lot of time to develop solutions to diversity.

Agenda Item 5 – MYAC Community Service Project Planning

- 1) **Ryan Emerson, Community Service Project Chair**, provided an overview of C.I.T.Y. Community Garden meeting with landscape architect, **Bonnie Robinson**. She provided great ideas for designing a very beautiful garden. **Ryan** suggested that we consider using the garden as a platform for the MYAC community service project.
- 2) **Alexis** described last year's project to raise awareness about foster care.
- 3) **Chris** described the MYAC "Be Fit, Don't Sit" healthy choice initiative from 2013 and 2014 and "Reading Rocks" literacy initiative from 2011 and 2012.
- 4) The rest of the group brainstormed more ideas for the community service project. MYAC will finalize these ideas in the coming MYAC meetings.

Agenda Item 6 – 2016 Youth Town Hall Preparation

- 1) **Lily** announced that she is still waiting for registration forms from Marcos de Niza and Corona del Sol High schools. She asked the MYAC representatives from these schools to recruit.
- 2) The group made handouts for the "Youth Enhancing School Environments" discussion groups while the youth town hall facilitators finalized their discussion questions and background information sheets.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- MYAC Community Service Project Planning
- 2016 Youth Town Hall Preparation

The Commission's next meeting will be **February 16, 2016**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Smita Gopalakrishnan

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

Chris Moffitt, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission