



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission March 1, 2016

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on March 1, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Teen Center, 3500 S. Rural Road lower level, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present: Daniel Bish, Hayden Eastwood, Gabriel Edwards, Ryan Emerson, Sophia Gonzalez, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Nicholas Hargis, Nomith Murari, Marissa Salazar, Carter Vierra, and Safiyah Zubair.

MEMBERS Absent: Alexis Blanc, Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Kevin Dunnahoo, Jason George, Juliet Farr, Nandini Mishra, Chris Moffitt, Aemelia Morris, Jaren Savage, Ellie Young, and Elizabeth Zyriek.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa.

Guests Present: None.

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions

Nomith Murari, MYAC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2016

Daniel Bish, Youth Town Hall Chair, read the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Sophia Gonzalez motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Safiyah Zubair seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

Daniel provided the Treasurer's Report.

Agenda Item 4 – Announcements

Ryan Emerson discussed his experience at the Tempe Garden Expo on Saturday, February 27th. **Ryan** and **Alexis Blanc** advertised the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden to 100 people. Younger people including high school and college students showed the most interest in the garden.

Agenda Item 5 – 2016 Youth Town Hall Debriefing

- 1) The 2016 Youth Town Hall was a great success. The adults really appreciated the topics. Naomi Ferrell, City of Tempe Human Services Director, said the topics were very proactive and thought provoking. Two of the principals in attendance of the event stated that they would take the information they obtained from the event back to a principal's meeting.
- 2) The commissioners discussed advertising for MYAC and Youth Town Hall throughout the school year to make sure that the youth in Tempe know that MYAC is the voice of youth in local government.
 - MYAC will make a Twitter account and sign more students up for the MYAC Facebook page, Instagram, and Remind101.
- 3) The group brainstormed ideas to ensure that the Mayor and City Council will be able to utilize more of the Youth Town Hall solutions.
 - The two discussion groups in each topic could combine their discussions during the second half of the day to come up with only three solutions per topic versus 6 solutions.

Agenda Item 6 – 2016 Community Service Project Planning

- 1) **Nicholas Hargis** and **Daniel** suggested that MYAC can focus their efforts on developing a larger volunteer base for the C.I.T.Y. garden.
- 2) **Hayden Eastwood** mentioned that MYAC can use C.I.T.Y. to implement some of the ideas from Youth Town Hall.
- 3) **Sophia** suggested that C.I.T.Y. advertise more volunteer projects that are available through the faith-based communities in Tempe.
- 4) MYAC can advertise C.I.T.Y. and other MYAC volunteer projects by setting up tables at lunch at each of the Tempe middle and high schools.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- MYAC Community Service Project Planning

The Commission's next meeting will be **March 15, 2016**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Prepared by: Smita Gopalakrishnan

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

Chris Moffitt, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission