



## Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission November 28, 2017

Minutes of the MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION (MYAC) held on November 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Aerowyn "Piper" Allen  
Hayden Eastwood  
Natalie Edgington  
Juliet Farr  
Bhavanapriya Giridar  
Noble Harasha  
Regan Hatch  
Liam Huggins  
Andrea Lara Romero  
Jose Bernal Martinez  
Carter Miller  
Nandini Mishra  
Clara Moffitt  
Alissa Montano  
Amber Price  
Synthia Ramos  
Aviva Sanchez  
Safiyah Zubair

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

SaTavia Chest  
Ryan Emmerson  
Alexia Moreno  
Sophia Price  
Roberto Sandoval

**City Staff Present:**

Adrian Cascio, Senior Social Services Coordinator, MYAC Advisor  
Mary Mezey, Social Services Supervisor

**Guests Present:**

None

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Hayden Eastwood, MYAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance Roll Call**

Carter Miller, Administrative Recorder, read the roll call.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

Mary Mezey noted that the new MYAC Advisor, Adrian Cascio, will now be the new point of contact and advisor for MYAC.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Safiyah Zubair, read the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Emma Moriarty, MYAC Vice Chair, motioned to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Nandini Mishra seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved as amended.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

No remarks at this time.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of New MYAC Advisor**

Adrian Cascio, MYAC Chair, introduced himself as the new MYAC Advisor. He gave information about his prior experience, his strengths, and his enthusiasm about becoming the new MYAC Advisor. He gave his contact information to the commissioners. His e-mail address is: [adrian\\_cascio@tempe.gov](mailto:adrian_cascio@tempe.gov), and his phone number is: 480-253-0688.

### **Agenda Item 7 – 2018 Youth Town Hall Planning Discussion**

Clara Moffitt, MYAC Youth Town Hall Chair, gave the members a timeline about what is necessary to accomplish before Youth Town Hall (YTH). The timeline includes the following goals: creating reasonable solutions, exposing teenagers to new ideas, getting feedback and solutions from teenagers regarding identified problems, and creating a fun and happy environment for YTH participants. Other commissioners provided their own goals which they wanted accomplished. These include leaving with ideas to solve issues and disseminating information to other youth, and to communicating results with the Tempe City Council. The commissioners also discussed recruitment strategies including sending the invitation further in advance of the event, revising the postcard, and having MYAC Commissioners and Assistant Principals recruit participants. MYAC will not contact potential YTH invitees through social media. There was discussion regarding the role of adult co-facilitators. Commissioner Liam Huggins gave anecdotal evidence about some of the adult facilitators from previous year's YTH and concerns of adults overstepping their responsibilities, including leading discussions. The MYAC Commissioners proposed a heightened process of selecting co-facilitators and excluding elected officials as facilitators in order to ensure best practices. Alexia inquired if members can recommend an adult facilitator who they consider to be a good fit. Mary, encouraged members to provide adult facilitator referrals. Finally, Clara gave information about each job at YTH and the MYAC Commissioners signed up for specific jobs at YTH.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Community Service Project Planning Discussion**

MYAC Community Service Project Chair Andrea Lara Romero shared preliminary information about planning for a potential "5K-9" run/walk to benefit deserving pets. Liam Huggins noted that he had discussed several ideas with former MYAC Advisor Lily Villa, such as either joining an existing race and splitting the proceeds for catch, neuter, or release programs or working with "Alley-Cat Racing" to raise proceeds for these programs.

### **Future Agenda Items – December 12, 2017**

- Youth Town Hall Planning Discussion
- Community Service Project Planning

**Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

Next meeting will be on December 12, 2017.

Minutes Prepared by: Carter Miller, Administrative Recorder

Minutes Reviewed by: Adrian Cascio, Senior Social Services Coordinator, MYAC Advisor

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Hayden Eastwood, Chair

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