



## Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission March 15, 2016

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on March 15, 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, Jason George, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Nicholas Hargis, Chris Moffitt, Nomith Murari, Marissa Salazar, Jaren Savage, and Elizabeth Zyriek.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Hayden Eastwood, Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Nandini Mishra, Aemelia Morris, Carter Vierra, Ellie Young, and Safiyah Zubair.

**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 6:30pm.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: March 1, 2016**

**Nomith Murari, MYAC Vice Chair**, read the minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting.

**Motion: Nicholas Hargis** motioned to approve the minutes.

**Second: Sophia Gonzalez** 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) **Nicholas** announced that he will be creating an official twitter account for MYAC to post and market the commission and City of Tempe's activities for youth.
- 2) **Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor** requested that all MYAC members who wish to attend the Governor's Youth Commission's Youth Leadership Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Grand Canyon University should email her by Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to reserve their seat at the event.
- 3) **Lily** asked the group if they would like to have a table at the City of Tempe event, "Touch a Truck" where Tempe residents can learn about waste management

services and recycling services provided by the city. The commissioners agreed that this would be a good event to advertise the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden and other MYAC services and events. **Lily** will follow up with MYAC members with more details via email.

- 4) **Jaren Savage** described the services provided by the City of Tempe's College Connect program where Tempe youth can attend workshops and work with mentors to learn how to apply for college, scholarships, jobs, FAFSA and other college and career opportunities. MYAC will meet to discuss how to help market this program through the C.I.T.Y. and MYAC social media.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – 2016 Community Service Project Planning**

- 1) **Lily, Nicholas, Gabriel Edwards, and Ryan Emerson, MYAC Community Service Project Chair, and Alexis Blanc** gave the MYAC members a tour of the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden located outside of the Tempe Public Library Teen Center. The MYAC members and five volunteers built a cement block couch with the local construction company, Earth Friendly Building Materials LLC. The MYAC members plan to utilize the space for movie viewing, concerts/ open mics, picnicking, and story time with younger children.
- 2) The MYAC members decided to have additional garden meetings on Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm as well as the Tuesday meetings from 3-5:00pm.
- 3) The MYAC members decided to focus their community service project on developing the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden and providing events such as an environmental awareness day for the Kid Zone children.
- 4) Other events include: "S'mores and Movies," "Netflix and Till," "Netflix and Grill," fall and spring festivals, C.I.T.Y. Garden Mural Contests, pillow-making, "Recycling Day," "Splash Day," lemonade stands, and popsicle days.
- 5) The garden will also be a recycling hub for people to bring plastic bags, Styrofoam, and cell phones.
- 6) **Daniel Bish, Youth Town Hall Chair** suggested that the garden have a seed dispenser so that people can plant their own gardens. It would have a statement like "We hate to seed you leaf! Grow a garden to remember us!"

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

- MYAC and Kid Zone Garden Event Planning

The Commission's next meeting will be **April 5, 2016**.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

Prepared by: Smita Gopalakrishnan

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

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Chris Moffitt, Chair  
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission