



## Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission April 5, 2016

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on April 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Teen Center, 3500 S. Rural Road lower level, Tempe, Arizona.

**MEMBERS Present:** Alexis Blanc, Hayden Eastwood, Gabriel Edwards, Ryan Emerson, Juliet Farr, Sophia Gonzalez, Jason George, Nicholas Hargis, Nandini Mishra, Chris Moffitt, Nomith Murari, Marissa Salazar, Jaren Savage, Carter Vierra, Safiyah Zubair, and Elizabeth Zyriek.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Daniel Bish, Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Kevin Dunnahoo, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Aemelia Morris, 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 6:30pm.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2016**

**Safiyah Zubair**, read the minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting.

**Motion: Sophia Gonzalez** motioned to approve the minutes.

**Second: Nomith Murari, MYAC Vice Chair** seconded the motion.

**Decision:** Minutes were approved.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report**

**Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor** provided the Treasurer's Report.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Announcements**

- 1) **Gabriel Edwards** stated that the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden volunteers removed the last of the unwanted plants in the garden and it is ready for the new landscape design.
- 2) **Lily** announced that she met with Dawn Ratcliffe, City of Tempe Recycling Coordinator. The city public works is excited about the community garden project and they will support and advertise the project at their future events. We will also partner in recycling electronics, plastic bags, and Styrofoam.
- 3) **Lily** reminded the commissioners that she will schedule a time for the C.I.T.Y. Subcommittee to meet to discuss College Connect and summer projects for MYAC.

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- 4) **Lily** informed the MYAC members that the 2016 Youth Town Hall Report will be presented to the Mayor and Council on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Agenda Item 5 – MYAC & Kid Zone Garden Event Planning**

**Ryan Emerson, MYAC Community Service Project Chair** lead a discussion to determine the details of how MYAC will teach Kid Zone children about the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden.

- The MYAC members will teach the Kid Zone children about recycling and gardening for a “sustainability” theme. The project will be called the “Lead ‘n Seed Initiative.”
- **Lily** will schedule Dawn Ratcliffe to teach the MYAC members about recycling in the City of Tempe for the April 19<sup>th</sup> MYAC meeting.
- The MYAC students will bring upcycled Styrofoam blocks from EF Block LLC so the students can put handprints in plaster and the blocks will then be used to build a raised garden bed for the C.I.T.Y. Community Garden.
- MYAC will also make “seed bombs” with the Kid Zone students and then have a distance throwing contest to see how far the kids can throw their seeds to grow.
- They will work with 40-50 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- MYAC will go to a Kid Zone site on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to present this project.
- Lily will determine which Kid Zone site MYAC will visit based upon the Kid Zone’s staff preferences.

**Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

- MYAC and Kid Zone Garden Event Planning
- Recycling Presentation/Training

The Commission’s next meeting will be **April 19, 2016**.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

Prepared by: Nicholas Hargis

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

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Chris Moffitt, Chair  
Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission