



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission January 10, 2017

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on January 10, 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, Juliet Farr, Bhavanapriya Giridar, Sophia Gonzalez, Noble Harasha, Liam Huggins, Carter Miller, Clara Moffitt, Alexia Moreno, Emma Moriarty, Nomith Murari, Amber Price, Sophia Price, Jaren Savage, Carter Vierra, and Safiyah Zubair.

MEMBERS Absent: SaTavia Chest, Kevin Dunnahoo, Ryan Emerson, Nicholas Hargis, Andrea Lara Romero, and Nandini Mishra.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa, Ann Lynn Didomenico

Guests Present: Mariah Secrest-Comer, Director, Donor Engagement and Communications at Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development.

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

Nomith Murari, MYAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2016

Safiyah Zubair read the meeting minutes from December 6, 2016.

Motion: Sophia Gonzalez, MYAC Youth Town Hall Chair, motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Daniel Bish, MYAC Vice Chair, seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

Emma Moriarty, MYAC Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Agenda Item 4 – Announcements

None at this time.

Agenda Item 5 – Youth Town Hall Preparation

- 1) Mariah Secrest-Comer, Director, Donor Engagement and Communications at Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development, provided a presentation on homeless youth

to inform the MYAC members about their Youth Town Hall discussion topic on homelessness.

- Tumbleweed is the only center that provides extensive services and resources to youth ages 12-25 in Maricopa County.
 - Tumbleweed provides resources such as: mobile showers, clothing, food, counseling, art therapy, emergency housing, access to computers, and "Safe Place" locations and pick up at all Valley Metro stops and Quick Trips in Maricopa County.
 - Youth become homeless for many reasons including: abuse, neglect, exploitation, domestic disputes, aging-out of foster care, and LGBTQ discrimination.
 - Tumbleweed served 199 youth from Tempe in 2016 and there are as many as 600-800 youth who become homeless each year in Maricopa County.
 - Tempe youth can help advocate for Tumbleweed and homeless youth by holding clothing and toiletry drives, advocating for LGBTQ acceptance, and letting their peers know about the services Tumbleweed offers.
- 2) The commissioners discussed strategies to build a positive and fun atmosphere during the 2017 Youth Town Hall. **Lily** will look into the cost and plausibility of the following suggestions:
- Selfie stations with a Snap Chat filter
 - Hype reels
- 3) The small groups broke off to work on their discussion topics and finalized their discussion questions.

Future Agenda Items

- Finalize Youth Town Hall Details
- Community Service Project

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Carter Miller

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

Nomith Murari, Chair
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