

Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission March 14, 2017

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on March 14, 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, Ryan Emerson, Bhavanapriya Giridar, Sophia Gonzalez, Nicholas Hargis, Liam Huggins, Andrea Lara-Romero, Carter Miller, Clara Moffitt, Emma Moriarty, Nomith Murari, Amber Price, Jaren Savage, and Safiyah Zubair.

MEMBERS Absent: SaTavia Chest, Kevin Dunnahoo, Gabriel Edwards, Juliet Farr, Noble Harasha, Nandini Mishra, Alexia Moreno, Sophia Price, and Carter Vierra.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa.

Guests Present: None.

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order

Nomith Murari, MYAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2017

Sophia Gonzalez, MYAC Youth Town Hall Chair, read the meeting minutes.

Motion: Daniel Bish, MYAC Vice Chair, motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Ryan Emerson 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

Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor informed the commissioners about the following information:

- 1) Senator Mendez requested that MYAC hold a formal debate with the Tempe City Council to discuss lowering the voting age in Arizona to 16. **Lily** is still waiting for further details from the Senator and City Council.
- 2) The commissioners would like to have an informal meeting to debate local political issues. The debate would be facilitated by Mauricio Suchowlanski, ASU Professor of Philosophy. The Commissioners determined April 18th or April 27th as possible dates for the debate. **Lily** will follow up with Mauricio to determine the exact date and time and post the meeting on MYAC's online event calendar.

- 3) MYAC will present to the City of Tempe Neighborhoods Association on April 22, 2017 on youth ideas for increasing Tempe's efforts for environmental sustainability. The commissioners will survey their peers at school to determine the topic of the presentation.
- 4) Elementary-age students have expressed interest in volunteering in the MYAC C.I.T.Y. Garden at the Tempe Public Library. The commissioners will determine the most effective way for the children to assist in the on-going project.
- 5) **Lily** asked if the MYAC members would like for Megan Longton, a high school student and organizer of a successful rally, to present about how she did the project. **Lily** will contact Megan to determine when and if this is possible.
- 6) **Lily** will send out a doodle poll to determine the date and time for the MYAC Spring Retreat.

Agenda Item 5 – Community Service Project Planning

Liam Huggins, MYAC Community Service Project Chair, led the group to determine specific details regarding the MYAC community service project, the dog walk "5K-9." The following details were discussed:

- Who:
 - People of all ages can participate in the event.
 - MYAC will invite dogs, animal shelters, Key Club, and NHS to participate.
- What:
 - The project will be a walk/run with dogs for five kilometers.
 - The participants will either be able to walk a shelter dog or bring their own dog to the 5k.
 - This will be a "No Alcohol" event.
 - The participants will enter a raffle for a gift card from a local pet shop.
 - The MYAC members will determine if there will be a winner trophy.
- Where- Possible locations include:
 - Tempe Town Lake
 - Kiwanis
 - ASU
- When: The event will be held on a Saturday in late April or early May in the morning.
- Why: Raise awareness about adopting shelter dogs and current animal welfare initiatives in Tempe.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

- MYAC Community Service Project Planning

Next MYAC Meeting: April 4, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Prepared by: Carter Miller

Reviewed by: Lily Villa

Nomith Murari, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission