



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission November 13, 2018

Minutes of the MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION (MYAC) held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 5:30 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Aerowyn "Piper" Allen
Adya Austin
Eleanor Buchta
Shea Catero
SaTavia Chest
Ali Cohen
Bhavanapriya Giridar
Regan Hatch
Issyss Kelly
Carter Miller
Clara Moffitt
Walid Mohammed
Alexia Moreno
Kristen Pigon
Amber Price
Rachel Russell

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Sabrina Dagher
Natalie Edgington
Noble Harasha
Sophia Price
Synthia Ramos
Aviva Sanchez
Sarah Shick

City Staff Present:

Adrian Cascio, MYAC Advisor

Guests Present:

Jeneeshia Jose, DemocraSeed Mentor
Fernando Lopez, College Connect Mentor

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Acting Chair, Clara Moffitt, called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance Roll Call

Carter Miller, Administrative Recorder, read the attendance roll call.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Adrian Cascio, MYAC Advisor, gave announcements related to Zero Waste Day this Saturday and asked for volunteers.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2018 Meeting

Miller read the minutes from the October 23, 2018 meeting.

Motion: SaTavia Chest moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2018 meeting as amended.

Second: Amber Price seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Moffitt gave information related to a thank-you card to the guest speaker at the recent MYAC Retreat. Moffitt passed around the thank-you card so that the Commissioners may thank the speaker and communicate with her their remarks.

Agenda Item 6 – Officer Elections

Elections were held for the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Youth Town Hall Chair, Administrative Recorder, Treasurer and Community Service Project Chair in that order.

- Miller was elected Chair
- Alexia Moreno was elected Vice Chair
- Ali Cohen was elected Youth Town Hall Chair
- Kristen Pigon was elected Administrative Recorder
- Chest was elected Treasurer
- Moffitt was elected Community Service Project Chair

Agenda Item 7 – DemocraSeed Project: Challenge Exploration

Miller introduced Jeneeshia Jose to the group as our DemocraSeed mentor. Jose presented on the Explore Phase of the DemocraSeed grant. The following were identified within Teen Homelessness as issues to be specifically focused on:

- LGBTQIA+
- Foster Care System
- Domestic and Substance Abuse
- Access to Services

It was decided on that the following specific area would be focused on: Domestic and Substance Abuse.

The next step is designing a “how might we?” statement. For example, a “how might we?” statement on education could be, “How might we increase student proficiency by strengthening the student-teacher relationship?”

The commission’s “how might we?” statement is: “How might we decrease youth homelessness by increasing knowledge and providing resources about substance and domestic abuse?”

Then, the commission created a problem tree to identify causes, effects, and consequences related to teen homelessness in the context of substance and domestic abuse. Later, the commission created a stakeholder map to identify who is a stakeholder (entities who would be affected by this issue and its solution). The commissioners were then instructed to investigate the problem by interviewing stakeholders to understand deeper causes and by conducting research online to find out how other communities and organizations have addressed this issue.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items – November 27, 2018

- DemocraSeed Project: Next Steps
- Youth Town Hall Planning

- **Community Service Project Planning Subcommittee**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Next meeting will be on November 27, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Carter Miller, Administrative Recorder and Kristen Pigon, Administrative Recorder

Minutes Reviewed by: Adrian Cascio, MYAC Advisor

Carter Miller, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission