

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, January 9th, 2017

5:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Community Building

7600 Hanover Parkway

Minutes

Present: Ema Smith (Chair), Selim Boukabara, Julia Sharapi, and Hunter Whaples.

Absent: Honora Hammett (Secretary), Jeremy Tuthill (Vice Chair), and Patrick Gleason.

Staff: Alison Longworth, Liaison

Ema Smith called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Old Business

1. **December minutes:** Approved.
2. **Opioid Public Service Announcement (PSA):** Jeremy Tuthill has electronically informed YAC he has made some progress on the script. Ema Smith suggested holding an unofficial subcommittee meeting at the Greenbelt Library to finish the script. YAC will aim to finish the full PSA by the end of the school year.
3. **Lowering the Voting Age Discussion:** This month, Ema Smith will prepare a presentation, to including survey findings regarding lowering the voting age, to show at the Advisory Board on Education (ACE) meeting. In addition to the presentation, Ema Smith will advise ACE against having a referendum, as the youth, the ones who the decision would affect the most, would not be able to weigh in or present their side adequately.
4. **Liaison Reports:**
Ema Smith – Advisory Board on Education: Last meeting was cancelled.
Honora Hammett – Community Relations Advisory Board: Absent.
Hunter Whaples – Park & Recreation Advisory Board: Last meeting was cancelled.
5. **YAC Logo for T-shirts – Updates:** Selim Boukabara will email final design and the committee will approve it electronically.

New Business

6. **Mandan Basketball Court – Revised Report:** Chairperson Ema Smith will email draft report to committee for approval prior to submitting to council before February meeting.
7. **Possible Youth Forum:** Ema Smith has decided it would be optimal to hold this after the Voting Age Discussion has progressed and the PSA video is finished. The committee discussed ways of publicizing it. The committee concluded the use of flyers could be helpful if hung around Greenbelt and around Eleanor Roosevelt High School, as well as given to teachers to hang in their classrooms. Selim Boukabara will start a design for the flyer and share via Google Docs. The committee decided August-September 2017 would be the best time to schedule the forum.
8. **Committee Initiated Discussion:**
 - Ema Smith wishes to set up a website, which would provide information on YAC and link the PSA when it is finished.
 - Ema Smith inquired about National League of Cities Congressional Conference Registration, held March 12-14, 2017. Alison Longworth will coordinate registration for members able to attend.
 - Ema Smith will present to Council her experience attending the November NLC annual conference.

Ema Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.