

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Classroom

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Ema Smith (Chair), Jeremy Tuthill (Vice Chair), Selim Boukabara, Julia Sharapi, and Hunter Whaples

Absent: Honora Hammett (Secretary) and Patrick Gleason

Staff: Alison Longworth, Liaison

Guest: Lyman Legters

Ema Smith called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Old Business

- 1. January Minutes:** Approved.
- 2. Opioid Public Service Announcement (PSA):** Ema Smith and Jeremy Tuthill finished a rough draft of the content of the PSA. YAC members discussed various ways to address the cinematography and setting of the video. Lyman Legters suggested inputting more specific statistics to increase the impact of the PSA. Alison Longworth will contact Bev to set up a possible unofficial meeting on February 22nd to discuss the city's video resources and her ideas on how to properly shoot the video. Alison Longworth also brought in an article concerning how the Governor Hogan is approaching Heroin and Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement Initiative.
- 3. Youth Forum:** Ema Smith suggested the forum should be held in New Greenbelt, because all current YAC members are Old Greenbelt residents. She suggested holding it in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, which the committee agreed on. It will be held in September, after Labor Day weekend.
- 4. Mandan Basketball Hoop Report:** YAC members reviewed and corrected grammatical errors with Ema Smith's report. The content of the report was approved. Ema Smith will send the final copy to Alison after the final edits.
- 5. Liaison Reports:**
Ema Smith – Advisory Board on Education: The principals of various local schools were present and spoke about their schools. They also discussed the problem of children in Greenbelt being zoned for Berwyn Heights schools. Ema Smith gave her presentation on lowering the voting age, also mentioning YAC's disapproval of a public referendum. The ACE supported her argument.

Honora Hammett – Community Relations Advisory Board: Absent. Alison will reach out to the Board as a representative of YAC needs to present their argument for lowering the voting age.

Hunter Whaples – Park & Recreation Advisory Board: A meeting is planned for this Wednesday, February 15th.

6. **YAC Logo for T-Shirts:** Selim Boukabara has made some edits, overall simplifying the design. Hunter Whaples suggested the logo should feature the official city color scheme. Selim Boukabara and Alison Longworth suggested the idea of colored layering, which the YAC approved of. Jeremy Tuthill suggested adding a circle of text around the yack image, featuring the words “Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee.” The committee concluded it was still in progress; Selim Boukabara will bring in an updated version to the next meeting.
7. **NLC Conference Update:** Ema Smith and Jeremy Tuthill are officially signed up. Alison Longworth will try to get Hunter Whaples a spot.

New Business

1. **YAC Presence at Skate Park Celebration:** Alison Longworth suggested the YAC attend the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt skate park to get more exposure. This would be held June 3rd, from 11 am to 1 pm.
2. **Committee Initiated Discussion:**
 - Alison Longworth asked members to see who could attend the Civic Meeting on Wednesday, February 22. Ema Smith will attend to represent the YAC
 - Ema Smith mentioned a possible website to raise awareness about the YAC. Alison Longworth will investigate if the city already holds a domain name/page for the YAC. She also suggested starting a Facebook page. The specifics of maintaining the website as well as what it will display will be discussed in a later meeting.
 - Ema Smith brought up two issues for the YAC to address next meeting: the possibility of having more water fountains around Greenbelt and a speed camera on Lake Crest.
 - Lyman Legters handed out his card and offered support and advice to the YAC if needed. He has extensive experience in dealing with child trauma, well-being, and improvement of youth life. He encouraged the committee to check out www.casey.org, the website of an organization he is involved in.
 - Discussion of a new secretary

Ema Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.