



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

4 p.m. – Community Room – West Linn Public Library

Present Youth Advisory Council Members: Jake Heinonen, Andrew Brown, Caitlin McCabe, Hunter Shepersky, Aubrey Cutler, Logan Winder, Michael Phillips, Summer Tan, Eli Johnson, Advay Koranne, and Gavin Harvey.

West Linn Staff Members: Alicia Shroyer.

West Linn City Council Members: Jules Walters and Mayor Russ Axelrod.

Absent: Mac Graves, Olivia Swartz, Katherine Russell, and Noah Juarez.

Call to Order: Mr. Heinonen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Agenda Review: Mr. Heinonen read agenda to the group. Miss McCabe motions to approve, Miss Tan seconds the motion, and agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes Review: Mr. Heinonen passed minutes around for the group to read, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Harvey seconds the motion and minutes were approved unanimously.

State of the City Planning: Mayor Axelrod explained to the group what the State of the City is and what he will be talking about this year and asked the group if they would like to introduce him at the beginning of the speech. The group agreed they would be able to introduce the Mayor. Possible introduction items suggested were what's important to them for the community, what does West Linn mean to them, how the Mayor fits into those two items. Group discussed the set up and how they would do the introduction and if they would like to come back up and speak later on about the goals of the YAC. Mr. Heinonen and Miss Shepersky agree that they will both speak at the event, but think it would be better if everyone came up to speak in the beginning. Mayor Axelrod asked if there were YAC shirts, he would like to get them ordered for the future.

Doughnut Fundraising review: Doughnut sales didn't happen on February 15th as originally planned, but the group was planning on selling them this upcoming Friday, February 22nd. Miss Shepersky said she will be picking them up the night before and she, along with Miss Tan and Miss Cutler will be selling them in the morning. Mayor Axelrod said he would like to be involved with the groups fundraising efforts. He mentions he was going to be seated at the fundraising table for the upcoming YAC summit and he would bring back ideas for the group.

Upcoming Events: Drug take back event is set for Saturday, April 27th. Mr. Johnson said he emailed Rosemont Middle School about the date change, but hadn't heard back yet. Mrs. Shroyer asked how the event should be promoted, group suggested hanging flyers around town, the Tidings, and on social media.

Mr. Juarez is taking charge of the Mental Health Awareness night. Group suggested they should hold it at the Adult Community Center on May 23rd. Mr. Heinonen said he will be in touch with Mr. Juarez about the event to see where things currently stand. Mayor Axelrod mentioned his daughter is in graduate school for mental health counseling with a focus on youth and wanted to see if the group was interested in connecting with her to see if she had any suggestions for the event – group agreed they would like to meet with her.

Other Business: Mr. Heinonen asked if there was any other business from the group. Mayor Axelrod said he would bring back tips on how to fundraise and get the city involved. He also said he would email topics discussed at the youth delegate workshop. Miss Shepersky asked if the West Linn Council would be interested in having a youth representative at Council meetings. Both Councilor Walters and Mayor Axelrod thought it was a good idea. Miss Shepersky asked if they should bring up topics they are passionate about, Councilor Walters suggested they could talk about things they think the city might be missing from a youth perspective. Miss Shepersky asked about the Willamette Waterfront plan, the space they were designing for the youth, and if there had been any more discussions on the topic. Mayor Axelrod mentioned the Parks & Rec master plan, and that the waterfront plan would be discussed at an upcoming Council meeting in April or May if they wanted to come to the discussion.

Adjournment: Mr. Heinonen called the meeting at 4:54pm.