



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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

**Present Youth Advisory Council Members:** Jake Heinonen, Andrew Brown, Caitlin McCabe, Katherine Russell, Aubrey Cutler, Logan Winder, Michael Phillips, Advay Koranne, and Eli Johnson.

**West Linn Staff Members:** Alicia Shroyer and Ken Worcester.

**West Linn City Council Members:** Jules Walters.

**Absent:** Mac Graves, Olivia Swartz, Gavin Harvey Hunter Shepersky, Summer Tan, and Noah Juarez.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Heinonen called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

**Agenda and minutes Review:** Mr. Heinonen motions to approve minutes and agenda. Miss McCabe seconds the motion, minutes and agenda approved unanimously.

**Parks Presentation:** Mr. Worcester introduces himself, tells the group he is the Director of Parks & Recreation. Mr. Worcester begins to talk about how they have been working on the parks masterplan, explains there isn't much for the youth in city due to space limitation. Plan proposes a community recreation center – phase 1 would be meeting rooms and gym, eventually they would like to put in a swimming pool. Mr. Worcester then talked about Waterfront Park – goals for the park would be to have swimming areas roped off, rentals for water activities. He also explained that they are working with Council to get the plan approved. Currently in West Linn it's often hard to find an open gym – not everyone wants to participate in organized sports and there isn't really an alternative for those that just want to play pick-up games with friends. Councilor Walters asked the group if anyone had a favorite park around town. Mr. Brown said he likes Willamette Park – docks is a good space to hang out. Miss McCabe likes Fields Bridge Park – enjoys the nature space and the fact it's not totally paved over. Councilor Walters asked if they talked to others their age, what some additions they might want around town. Miss Cutler said Movie Theater, rock climbing, water sports, and space for youth. Mr. Johnson suggested creating a survey they could add to the school website. Miss Russell asked if the group thought enough people would see and take the survey. Mrs. Shroyer asked if there was someone who'd want to take that one. Miss Russell said they didn't know what questions they would need to ask with this type of survey, so they should to start there. Miss McCabe said with the parking survey they printed the out and gave them to the English teachers and they felt that method worked well. Miss Russell asked if the response with teachers was positive or negative. Miss McCabe thought it seemed positive because they gave them a decent amount of time to do the survey. Mr. Koranne said the biggest challenge is calculating the results, he remembers it took them a long time with the parking survey. Miss Russell asked what kind of information they would want to capture from students. Miss McCabe said it would be good to know what people are interested in – are they active, do they want a place to gather.

List of activities to see what people are interested in. Mr. Worcester suggested visiting the Sherwood community center to see what can be offered.

**Doughnut Fundraising review:** Doughnut sales did happen on March 1<sup>st</sup> – doughnuts showed up late, but sales went well. Miss Cutler has the money and will bring it to the next meeting. Miss Cutler was going to check with Miss Shepersky to see if they were going to sell again this Friday. Miss Cutler said she's available to sell, Miss Russell was going to check and see if she would be able to help as well.

**Mental Health Awareness Night:** Mr. Koranne asked if someone else would like to take the lead the mental health night – group decided they would come up with committees so they are all involved. Mrs. Shroyer checked with ACC about room availability – they do have a room available and will hold for group. Mr. Koranne said he would reach out to see if it would be possible to have the room rental fee waived for this event. Miss McCabe said she would like to have professors and non-profit speakers at the event. Miss Russell thinks she knows someone who could come and speak and believes if they get enough people they could do a fair type of set up. Councilor Walters asked they should have food and beverages – group agreed they should. They would like to have an opening speaker, fair set up, with Q&A at the end. Miss McCabe suggested the committees should be speakers, space, refreshments, etc. Group decided to table the discussion to next time. Miss McCabe asked if Mr. Heinonen could come up with the committees before the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Heinonen called the meeting at 4:55pm.