



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

4 p.m. – WebEx

Present Youth Advisory Council Members: Annamika Konkola, Caroline Nielson, Declan Winder, Drayton Nimz, Emily Newbore, Jake Frazier, Karina Rower, Kogen Brown, Liv Tinio, Madeline Brown, Mariam Hassan, Summer Tan

West Linn Staff Members: Dylan Digby

West Linn City Council Members: Rory Bialostosky

Absent: Danny Milstein, Elijah McKinley, Aubrey Cutler, Macy Gong, Holly Bartholomew, Nate DeMoro

Call to Order: Summer called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm

Approve minutes: Minutes will be approved at a later date

Public Comment: None

The group discussed a list of topics of interest for the coming year. They are detailed below.

Ivy on Trees: Madeline mentioned ivy on trees. Jake mentioned partnering with Solve in past. Resolved to send out a volunteer link to group; several members want to get together to volunteer at an event. Madeline will find a date sometime after the semester ends.

Mental Health Promotion: Emily wanted to explore mental health promotion. Rory brought up mental health at police half-time and asked whether that was enough. Discussion of bringing Police Chief Mahuna in to guide conversation. Dylan will ask him to come to the next meeting.

Mental Health and COVID: Caroline offered to bring in a mental health professional to share insight on teens and stress. Alternative, an online event targeting teens and mental health education could be helpful. Liv offered to reach out to Pam Pierce from Community Living Above. Kogen said he could reach out to ASB for mental health; last year mental health with remote school was a big problem.

Liv wanted to get information from the school district about whether they are considering going hybrid in the next week, and volunteered to talk to them. Emily said ASB will put some resources about mental health out on their Instagram and offered to talk to Lucinda, the ASB President.

Jake talked about the teacher's union potentially bargaining over the issue of going remote; alternatively, a lot of positive COVID cases could lead to going remote.

Drug Drop-Off Box: Jake wants to add more locations for WLPD's drug drop-off box program; maybe do a drop-off event for prescription drugs. He will speak with SRO Johnson about it.

Environmental Concerns: Discussion of what city is doing for sustainability. Dylan will share the Sustainability Advisory Board's annual report.

Water Infrastructure: Rory brought up how water infrastructure is a big issue: \$10M, plus discussion of whether we should add other water. Discussion of social media or other polls to gauge youth interest. Emily will investigate.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm by Summer.

Next meeting January 19, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Minutes approved: