



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

4 p.m. – WebEx

**Present Youth Advisory Council Members:** Summer Tan, Jake Frazier, Annamika Konkola, Mariam Hassan, Declan Winder, Karina Rower, Macy Gong, Liv Tinio

**West Linn Staff Members:** Dylan Digby, Police Chief Peter Mahuna

**West Linn City Council Members:** Rory Bialostosky

**Absent:** Danny Milstein, Elijah McKinley, Aubrey Cutler, Nate DeMoro, Caroline Nielson, Drayton Nimz, Emily Newbore, Kogen Brown, Madeline Brown

(One student is out with COVID so quorum could be argued for this meeting)

**Call to Order:** Summer called the meeting to order at 4:05

**Approve minutes:** Minutes will be approved in bulk later.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mental Health Promotion:** Special Guest Police Chief Peter Mahuna talked about how West Linn PD shares a behavioral health specialist with Lake Oswego. He reported that she has a lot of experience. She is available while in Lake Oswego or West Linn as they share a dispatch channel. She monitors radio and calls and decides when she is needed. She works Mondays through Fridays, but can give consults in the middle of the night or receive email overnight, which she follows up on the next morning. Clackamas County mobile response team behavioral unit used when Amber is on vacation. She was hired last May. Chief Mahuna reported the current system is working well—she is responding to all issues currently and they have not had to use Clackamas County’s team yet.

**Drug Drop-Off Box:** Summer asked Chief Mahuna about drug use in West Linn and talked about potentially having a drug drop-off event or multiple locations for drug drop-off. Mahuna said they have to be in a secured location: one is locked in the police station, and is probably enough for a city our size. Mahuna said WLPD would be happy to partner with YAC. They discussed the need to advertise and get the word out. Mahuna clarified that they don’t take liquids or sharps.

Jake asked if marijuana or vapes could be dropped off. Mahuna said it could be hard to do illegal drop-offs. Jake said there is a need for vape, Juul, and illicit drug drop-off. Jake wants to find a way to help kids that want to quit. Mahuna said kids could work with SRO to do drop-offs. Jake wants to do a 24/7 drop box for illegal drugs and vape pens. Jake asked if they could do a mail slot setup at TVFR, if that is a secure enough location. Jake said kids need a place to drop off illegal substances and vapes safely.

Mahuna said fentanyl is in a lot of drugs sold now. It is found in West Linn and is very dangerous. It caused a death in WL recently. Police can be called and they will pick up illegal substances without you getting in trouble.

SRO could work with kids to get rid of illegal drugs and vapes, YAC kids could help mediate and bridge getting illegal substances to police by calling and being there for the transition.

Discussion of drug take-back event to be planned for late spring/summer. Jake reported that SRO Johnson said they just need a time and place for a drug drop-off event.

Dylan will advertise the current Drug Drop-Off program at the police station.

**Youth Lunch Events:** Mahuna brought up Youth Lunch events with Michael Fesser. Fesser also brings some youth to these events. Mahuna said they want to plan more events, about 5-6 events a year. Mahuna asked if he could come to YAC to get kids to sign up for it. Summer said we could also work with ASB to get people.

**Environmental Concerns:** Caroline will share information. Dylan will share Sustainability Advisory Board's annual report.

**Council Goals Feedback and Check-Ins:** Rory brought up that Council wants feedback from YAC on past Council Goals to be discussed at next meeting. For next agenda: what do you want City to do in the next year?

**COVID and School Exposure:** It was agreed that next meeting COVID should be discussed. Mariam talked to teacher union reps. About 1/3 of classes have been missing. It is hard to switch to remote, only get two days. Miriam will check in again and report back next week. COVID chart is not true, if someone gets COVID outside the school it's not being counted.

**Other Business:** None

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

***Next meeting January 26, 2021 @ 4:00pm***

**Minutes approved:**