



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

4 p.m. – WebEx

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

**West Linn Staff Members:** Dylan Digby, Danielle Choi

**West Linn City Council Members:** None

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

**Call to Order:** Summer called the meeting to order at 4:03

**Approve minutes:** Minutes will be approved in bulk next meeting

**Public Comment:** None

**Drug Drop-off Box:** Spring dates were discussed for this project.

**YouthLine Outreach Update:** Caroline discussed plans for a mental health event. She reached out to book an event with a 40 person cap. It could be set up as a workshop for nonprofit partner YouthLine.

**SOLVE Volunteer Events:** Madeline will share the registration link for the March 5<sup>th</sup> environmental ivy cleanup with nonprofit SOLVE. It will be at Mary S. Young Park this Saturday.

**COVID Policy Update:** Mariam reported that it is unlikely the school district will give further consideration to online school given the upcoming end of the mask mandate. Summer mentioned routine preschool screenings for lice and suggested YAC ask the teacher's union for something similar. Contact tracing stopped a few weeks ago, which group agrees is a problem.

**Youth Council Town Hall:** This idea was introduced by Summer but put off for a future meeting due to number of current projects.

**Infrastructure and Sustainability:** Kogan plans to attend the upcoming virtual ODOT meeting related to adding more bike lanes/sidewalks using infrastructure money. He reported that Councilmember Todd Jones told him that ODOT is more likely to listen to kids than adults. Kogan will share links to the upcoming meeting with the group.

**Other Business:** Jake and Emily will continue looking into the March 5<sup>th</sup> SOLVE volunteer event, the YouthLine mental health workshop, COVID schools advocacy, and ODOT public transit projects. Summer will send a follow-up email regarding goalsetting items.

As spring starts, YAC attendance may be impacted by sporting events. The group discussed rescheduling meetings to better accommodate a majority of schedules. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, YAC will try hosting meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by Summer

***Next meeting March 1st, 2021 @ 4:00pm***

**Minutes approved:**