

Youth Council Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes - Draft
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM ~ Lakewood City Hall

Meeting called to Order: 6:05pm

Present: Task Force Members Yusra Abdi, Siwita Ali Shah, Elizabeth Halko, Jack Hueter, Collin Hunt, McKenzie Lane, Olivia Petterson, Tristan Rumsey and Tully Worrton

Also Present: Mayor Summers, Community Relations Advisory Commission Members Gary Rick, Robin Beavers and Tariq Ata and Melissa Garrett (Community Relations Specialist)

- Elizabeth Halko and Olivia Patterson are appointed to record the meeting minutes.
- Discussion of Values:
 - Establish a public/private partnership
 - Diversity of membership
 - Not solely based on academics
 - Inclusion of non-profit organizations
 - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Vice Secretary
 - Recommend specific issues and community suggestions
 - Presence in community (Twitter, drop-boxes in schools and public libraries)
- Application/Interview Process
 - Paper/online application first
 - Interview follows if selected
 - Include question regarding transportation to meetings
 - Optional recommendation letter
 - Specify 6-8pm meetings
 - Question regarding availability
 - Bi-monthly meetings
 - Specify a potential meeting day?
 - Interviews: First round for inaugural youth council by senior members of the task force, then by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary going forward
 - Potential questions: What kinds of problems do you see in Lakewood and what solutions do you recommend? Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch?
 - Include self-grading questions (pg.62, orange packet)
 - 4 page total application (2 pages front and back)
- Selection
 - Youth council can object to admissions
 - The entire council will select the top applicants, those applicants will get interviews
 - 15 minute one-on-one interviews
 - Council leadership selects final slate of candidates to serve on the youth council
 - 2/3 majority of the full council must approve of the leader's final slate of candidates
 - Equal distribution of applicants (advertising across Lakewood and online)
 - Representatives from youth council go speak in parochial schools to promote the youth council to Lakewood residents?

- Criteria
 - Must be a Lakewood resident
 - Age range: eighth grade through freshman in college
 - 15 seats, this number is open to amendment
 - 3 middle schoolers, one from each middle school in Lakewood, non-voting members
 - 2 year terms, re-apply after each term, an individual can serve a maximum of three terms
- Purpose
 - Voice for youth in the community
 - Advisors to community leaders
 - Youth development
 - “Core group of students and advisors interested in leadership and commitment to meaningful community change”
 - Categories of purpose: youth health and safety, youth advocacy, community relations, community outreach
- Elizabeth Halko and Olivia Patterson: Assigned to create coherent mission statement
- Collin Hunt, Tully Worrone, and Siwita Ali Shah: Assigned to create interview questions for discussion at the next meeting
- Amendment Procedure
 - Any amendments must pass the youth council with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
- Next meeting (May 8th, 6-8pm): Discuss application, interview questions, and agree on final mission/purpose statement

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm