

Youth Council Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes - Draft
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm ~ Lakewood City Hall

Meeting Called to Order: 6:07pm

Present: Task Force Members Yusra Abdi, Siwita Ali Shah, Elizabeth Halko, Collin Hunt, Olivia Patterson, Tristan Rumsey and Tully Worrton

Also Present: Community Relations Advisory Commission Member Gary Rick and Melissa Garrett (Community Relations Specialist)

- Unanimous approval of the May 8 meeting minutes.
- Discussion of the “Unofficial Timeline for LYPC.”
- Edits made to the timeline; plans are made to formally present to City Council on June 17th and to make a follow-up appearance on July 1st.
- Presentation of the application draft, both the paper and online versions.
- Unanimous approval of the 2019-2020 paper and online version of the Youth Council application.
- Collin Hunt and Elizabeth Halko are appointed to create a slideshow for presentation to City Council.
- Discussion of in-person interview questions and changes and suggestions are made.
- Yusra Abdi and Siwita Ali Shah are appointed to create the final draft of in-person interview questions; the final draft will be considered and voted on at the next meeting.
- Discussion of by-laws.
- Grammatical and minor wording changes are made to the by-laws document.
- By-laws are approved unanimously.
- Informal discussion of funding and uses for funding.
 - Funding needed for publicity (posters, events, suggestion boxes).
 - Town halls (food and other materials).
 - A large budget is not needed, but enough to carry out functions like this appear necessary for the Youth Council to carry out its mission.
 - External events/conferences for Youth Council Members (for example, going to the statehouse and giving testimony on a bill that is important to Lakewood Youth).
 - Present other examples of youth council funding to give perspective to council.
 - Plan to conduct fundraising and be as economical as possible.
 - Pg. 6, “Funding,” in the orange packet provides a good breakdown of what a \$10,000 budget would look like.

- Informal discussion of possible issues the new Youth Council might want to address.
 - Reforming the DARE program and implementing a more effective and realistic drug education program.
 - Addressing concerns regarding the dress code in Lakewood middle schools and the high school, particularly dealing with how it is enforced.
 - Addressing the recycling issue at Lakewood High School.

- Next meeting will be Wednesday June 5th, 6:00-8:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31pm