

Youth Council Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm ~ Lakewood City Hall

Meeting Called to Order: 6:07pm

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

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

- Approval of the previous meeting's minutes with one abstention due to absence.
- Reviewed the Committee of the Whole meeting and City Council meeting where the majority of the work was presented and the ordinance creating the new youth council was formally passed into law.
- Decision to change the application to include a space to indicate pronouns and a disclaimer that all optional questions will be used only to ensure there is diversity on the new youth council and for no other purpose.
- Application Distribution:
 - The Lakewood City Schools offices open Monday August 5th, so that date will be the ballpark estimate of when applications will be sent out by email.
 - Applications will be sent to: Lakewood High School, Garfield Middle School, Harding Middle School, Lakewood Catholic Academy, the Lakewood Public Library (Main Branch and Madison Branch), the YMCA, Magnificat, St. Joseph Academy, St. Edward High School, St. Ignatius High School, Help To Others, and various social media platforms.
 - The application deadline will be October 1st.
 - Younger students will be encouraged to come and watch the youth council meetings.

-Applications will need to go through Melissa Garrett whether that be by email, the online application, or mailed to city hall to her attention.

- Youth Council leadership selection for the first youth council:

-Interested in the position of chair: Collin, Olivia, Tully

-Interested in the position of vice-chair: Collin, Olivia, Tully

-Interested in the position of secretary: Olivia, Yusra

-Interested in the position of vice-secretary: Siwita

-The next meeting on July 31st, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm will be dedicated to interviews done by Elizabeth Halko for these positions.

-Interviews will be approximately 15 minutes each.

-Positions will be assigned within the week following the interviews.

- **Adjourned: 7:47pm**