

Lakewood Youth Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 2020

Present: Chair Olivia Patterson, Johana Guci, William Yeung, Erin Ptacek, Joshua Mika, Collin Hunt, Orlando Mason and Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett

Not Present: Thaissa Santos, Turner Gilliland

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to select the individuals who will be interviewed to serve on the Lakewood Youth Council. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 17th & November 19th.

There was a discussion about the top candidates to be interviewed based on the applicants. At our last meeting, each Youth Council member shared the names of their top 5 candidates to be interviewed. The Council voted to interview 10 candidates for the six slots that are available on the council. The Council went through all of the applicants and decided that the individuals who appeared on three or more Youth Council members' lists would receive an interview, which resulted in seven applicants being selected to be interviewed. The Council then went through the rest of the Council suggestions and decided on three additional candidates to be interviewed.

The Council voted to interview the following applicants:

1. Susan McGowan
2. Cassie Auck
3. Leah Campbell
4. Joshua Ferry
5. Brigit McKenna
6. Ivy Keeper
7. Jill King
8. Elias Bradley
9. Rocco Crino
10. Noor Imtiaz

The Council then discussed the process for interviewing the candidates, specifically whether seniors who graduated should be brought back to do the interviews.

It was discussed that having the entire Youth Council interview the candidates could be intimidating. The Council decided that having 3-4 members participate in the interviewing process is a good number.

There was a suggestion to bring Vice-Chair Tully Worronek back for the interviews because she was part of the leadership team.

A suggestion was made that Olivia could conduct the interviews by herself, but Youth Council members could submit a list of questions to Olivia for her to consider using during the interview.

There was a discussion of whether the interviews could be recorded so other members could see the interviews after the fact. Melissa to discuss with the Law Department.

Another suggestion was made that if the interviews couldn't be recorded that perhaps a couple of council members can sit-in on the interviews to take notes only. They would not ask any questions. They would strictly be there to take extensive notes to share with other members during the discussions of who to select for the Council.

It was decided that Oliva would send out letters to the interviewees this week and the personalized questions will be due next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.