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## Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission February 3, 2009

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**Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on February 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tempe, Arizona.**

**MEMBERS Present:** Katherine Brunty, Maria Eller, Nicholas Gaitan, Amber Hinitt, Preston Long, Sachin Nair, Katrina Rodrigues, Kristen Rund, Rachel Saba, Julio Souffle, Veekas Shrivastava and Brant Ziemba.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Jevin Hodge, Cecilia Iole, Leslie Klein, Enrico Lage, Amanda Lovins. Marcos Souffle, Kaylee Wong and Gonzalo Vilichis

**City Staff Present:** Kim Bauman

**Guests Present:** None

**Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.**

**Veekas Shrivastava, MYAC Chair** called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1– Minutes from January 20, 2009 Meeting**

**Brant Ziemba** read the minutes from January 20, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION:** **Nicholas Gaitan** motioned to approve the minutes.

**SECOND:** **Julio Souffle** seconded the motion.

**DECISION:** Minutes were approved.

**Agenda Item 2- Treasurer's Report**

**Rachel Saba** provided the Treasurer's Report.

**Agenda Item 3– Announcements**

**Veekas Shrivastava** provided the following announcements:

- 1) **Veekas** and 2007-08 MYAC Chair **Allie Gorton** presented the 2008 Youth Town Hall Report to the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The report was very well received by the board who directed school staff to follow up on some of the report recommendations.
- 2) Arizona's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Day will be held on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Five MYAC members can attend the event. Attendees will have to miss an entire day of school. A sign-up sheet and registration forms were distributed to members. Members who want to attend

must notify Kim right away as attendance is on a first notification basis. Members who want to attend must also bring their completed registration forms signed by their parent to the February 17<sup>th</sup> MYAC meeting.

- 3) The Governor's Youth Commission is seeking applicants for calendar year 2009-2010. Applicants must be a sophomore or junior during the 2009-10 school year. If MYAC members are interested in applying please contact Kim and she will forward the application information to them.
- 4) MY FEST 09 will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Tempe Beach Park. The event is sponsored by Magellan of Arizona's youth leadership team MY LIFE. The event will feature live bands, entertainers, artists, food, youth groups, and a wide-variety of youth-based Valley organizations.
- 5) The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) would like to attend our next meeting to test the top entries from the Youth Empowerment Project PSA Competition. Members were in consensus that they would like MAG to attend MYAC's next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Youth Town Hall Planning**

- 1) **Katherine Brunty, Youth Town Hall Chair** had members divide into planning committees, begin event planning, reconvene, and provide planning updates:
  - **Sachin Nair, Program Committee Chair** reported they decided they would eliminate a keynote speaker at the opening session so there is more time for discussion group activities. MYAC group co-facilitators have been assigned discussion group topics and the committee has begun working on focus group questions.
  - **Brant Ziemba, Registration Committee Chair** reported they determined that student and adult recruitment letters and applications will be sent out on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will be required to return their applications to their schools by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and schools will be required to turn in their selected students' applications by March 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee also worked on a student announcement for event recruitment. MYAC members were assigned to follow up on recruitment efforts at their schools.
  - **Maria Eller, Food Committee Chair** reported they decided to use Dilly's Deli for the lunch as participants have really liked the food at past events. They also determined the breakfast menu. They will need members who are on other planning committees to bring coolers and pick up ice on the day of the event.

#### **Agenda Item 5– Future Agenda Items**

- Youth Empowerment Project PSA Competition Entries Feedback
- 2009 Youth Town Hall Planning
- MYAC Bylaws revisions

The Commission's next meeting will be **February 17, 2009**.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

Prepared by: Maria Eller

Reviewed by: Kim Bauman

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Veekas Shrivastava, Chair  
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission