



**Minutes
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission
October 6, 2009**

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on October 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present: J'nnen Allsup, Jeff Darge, Francesca DiCesare, Maria Eller, Dirk Fenstermacher, Nicholas Gaitan, Jevin Hodge, Amber Houser, Alex Little, Lauren Milovich, Ben Moffat, Anjali Nair, David Reynolds, Katrina Rodrigues, Kristen Rund, An Tran and Kaylee Wong.

MEMBERS Absent: Rafael Gutierrez, Enrico Lage, and Preston Long.

City Staff Present: Kim Bauman and Peggy Goldberg

Guests Present: None

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Jevin Hodge, MYAC Chair called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Icebreaker

MYAC members participated in an icebreaker activity.

Agenda Item 2– Minutes from September 15, 2009 Meeting

David Reynolds read the minutes from the September 15, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Maria Eller motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Francesca DiCesare seconded the motion.

DECISION: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

J'nnen Allsup read the Treasurer's Report.

Agenda Item 4- Announcements

- 1) Jevin Hodge had MYAC members review the membership list and make any needed updates.
- 2) Kim Bauman, Advisor made the following announcements:

- Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families and Communities is sponsoring a youth logo contest as part of its overall efforts to increase awareness of the harms of underage drinking and to encourage young people to stay away from alcohol and drugs. Flyers were handed out to MYAC members. MYAC representatives from McClintock High School and Gililand Middle School reported they have heard announcements about the contest at their schools.
- Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families and Communities will also be overseeing a community mapping project where youth will identify how many alcohol and tobacco outlets are located near areas where young people congregate. Interested MYAC members could have the opportunity to participate in this project.

Agenda Item 5 – Student Government Day Brainstorming

- 1) **Kim Bauman** reported that over the past few years students' interest in Student Government Day has declined despite the following efforts to make the event more appealing.
 - Program eligibility was changed to include freshman, as well as sophomore, junior and senior high school students.
 - The Mock City Council meeting was shortened to end at the same time students are released from school so it doesn't interfere with after-school activities.
 - Recruitment announcements were revised and requests were made for the schools and the district to recruit for the event. School assistant principals of activities reported last year that they personally called students in and gave them applications to complete but the majority of the students they contacted did not turn their applications in.
 - MYAC members attempted to individually recruit members for the event and emphasized that participants would be able to get out of school for the day and there was a great free lunch.
- 2) **Kim Bauman** provided the following participant statistics from last year's event:
 - Twenty-eight high school students participated in the event last year. While each school except Compadre is requested to have ten students attend the event only six students from Tempe, McClintock, and Corona high schools attended and seven students from Marcos. Compadre sent three students.
 - Due to low student attendance MYAC members increasingly have to fill in for the career shadowing and mock City Council meeting components.
- 3) **Kim Bauman** also reported that due to the following changes in school schedules and policies it is becoming increasingly difficult to schedule this event.
 - Last year some of the middle schools implemented a policy that students cannot miss school within 30 days of AIMS testing. Consequently, Youth Town Hall has to move from March to February. Student Government Day is normally held in January but it will be too difficult to hold two events within two months of each other. MYAC members cannot miss two days of school so closely together. In addition, we would also likely run into recruitment issues at the high schools.
 - Due to the implementation of a week-long Fall Break in October, and three holiday days in November, holding the event in October or November would be very difficult. Students also do not want to attend the event in early December as they are focusing on

finals later on in the month. This school year the only time we can hold the event is after April 5th.

- 4) **Jevin Hodge** led discussion about the event and members had the following input:
- Members were unsure if they wanted to completely eliminate the event and replace it with a different project.
 - Members who have participated in the event in the past enjoyed the career shadowing component.
 - Members want to explore the possibility of having just a career shadowing event where interested students could shadow departments they are interested in as a group.
 - Most members felt the mock City Council meeting was not very appealing to students. If that component was eliminated students could spend that time providing group reports on the departments they shadowed and their experiences.
 - Members want to explore new ways to market and recruit for the event.
 - Members want to continue to explore ways to update the event and whether the event would be successful if it is held in April.

Agenda Item 6- Community Service Project.

- 1) **Peggy Goldberg, Advisor** provided the following information on a possible community service project through a Global Youth Service Grant.
- The National Education Association (NEA) has a Youth Leaders for Literacy grant. The application is due on October 30th. The amount of the award is \$500.
 - The grant provides funds for service learning projects that focus on reading and literacy.
 - The applicant must be a youth group. Jevin and interested members would work with Peggy to complete the grant application.
 - The proposed project should begin on MLK Day, must include an activity on or around NEA's Read Across America Day on March 2nd, and should continue activities through Global Youth Service Day on April 23rd-25th.
 - Examples of possible activities include reading to elementary school students at a selected school on Read Across America Day and completing PSA's on the importance of reading.
 - There is no guarantee if MYAC applies that they will receive the grant. However, it is an opportunity to learn about grant writing and to possibly receive money that could support literacy efforts.

MOTION: **Anjali Nair** motioned that MYAC apply for the Global Youth Service Grant.

SECOND: **An Tran** seconded the motion.

DECISION: The motion was approved.

2) MYAC members were asked to think about other possible community service projects they could complete, especially around the holidays. Due to time constraints further discussion on possible projects will occur at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7- Future Agenda Items

- Student Government Day Brainstorming
- Global Youth Service Grant Update
- Possible Community Service Project

- Youth Town Hall topics
- Meet and Greet with Mayor Hallman

The Commission's next meeting will be **October 20, 2009**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Prepared by: Kaylee Wong

Reviewed by: Kim Bauman



Jevin Hodge, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission