



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brianna Nizic at 7 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 11

Landon Lu, Bella Bone, Henry Cadona Gameros, Brianna Nizic, Julian Guerra Molina, Myles Kinney, Melanie Gabriel, Justin Evers, Alana Plaisance, Adam Marl, and Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt*

EXCUSED: *Bailey Brown and Hannah Granderson.*

ABSENT: *None.*

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were provided.

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

4.a. The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) members reviewed the Youth Advisory Commission City Code and Bylaws. Bella Bone proposed a revision to Section 10 of the Bylaws to state that the YAC should review their bylaws at the first meeting of every term and the fifth meeting of every term to ensure that all members are aware of expectations and processes.

Julian Guerra Molina moved to approve the Youth Advisory Commission Ordinance as is and the Bylaws as amended. Justin Evers seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

4.b. The YAC recapped the Youth Advisory Commission Clothing Drive and the High School Shopping Event.

Clothing Drive:

- The City Hall donation bin was filled over 13 times.
- The OCHS donation bin was filled three times.
- YAC agreed that having three locations for the clothing drive was very successful and length of the clothing drive was sufficient.
- Julian Guerra Molina advertised the clothing drive on OCTV.
- Julian Guerra Molina suggested to put in request to have OCHS Student Council create a poster for the event in the future.
- Brianna Nizic advertised the clothing drive on Inside City Hall podcast.
- Hannah Schmidt promoted the event on PeachJar and the City Hall social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram).

High School Shopping Event:

- Julina Guerra Molina and Bella Bone provided insight to the PTA Clothes Closet Tour at Jennings Lodge that took place on May 2. Members expressed that it was helpful to see the staging area before starting any work. They also emphasized that it was nice to take inventory of the clothing well in advance of the shopping event.
- Julian Guerra Molina, Bella Bone, and Justin Evers provided a briefing on the work party that took place the Saturday before the event on May 25. A small portion of the donations were not usable – which is a good sign that members of the public read and followed instructions on our flyers.
- Bella Bone provided insight into the work session that took place the day before the free shopping event on May 28. She explained the importance of that work session to help prepare the layout of the clothing for the event.
- Bella Bone emphasized that she advertised for the free shopping event on her personal social media accounts. She received feedback from students that they wanted to go but felt guilty in attending the event because they did not see themselves as members of the community that were in need of this service.
- YAC agreed to advertise the free shopping event as a “thrifting” event in the future to draw a larger audience to the event.
- Members were surprised that not more people showed up with the incentive of free pizza that was provided.
- Melanie Gabriel and Denyse were greeters at the event and Denyse emphasized the need for more durable shopping bags to provide guests in the future.
- Sign-in sheet was essential to track the number of guests who participated.
- Denyse McGriff mentioned that some attendees were under the impression that the event ran from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. instead of the actual event time period of 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Melanie Gabriel emphasized that a younger boy attended the event and

could not find the clothing item he was looking for. In the future having a fuller inventory that caters to all ages would be helpful.

- Members agreed to potentially explore other event locations for the shopping event in the future.
 - Pioneer Community Center

4.c. Seniors Brianna Nizic, Bella Bone, Henry Cardona Gameros, and Bailey Brown were celebrated for serving on the Youth Advisory Commission. Bailey Brown was unable to attend the meeting and her senior send-off gifts will be sent out through the mail. Brianna, Henry, and Bella spoke about their future plans post high school graduation. Hannah Schmidt, Adam Marl, and Denyse McGriff emphasized their appreciation for the seniors dedication to the Commission over the past two years.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.a. Hannah Schmidt presented a staff report with updated information of community events occurring throughout the summer in the City of Oregon City and other Youth Advisory Commission updates.

- Adam Marl will be visiting CAIS to promote open applications for the 2024-2025 YAC.
- Denyse McGriff has reached out to North Clackamas Christian and OCSLA.
- Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, and Myles Kinney will be informing their AP Government and AP US History classes about open YAC applications.

6. MINUTES

Justin Evers moved to approve all YAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Myles Kinney seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Brianna Nizic adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist
Date Approved: 9/9/2024