



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Denyse McGriff.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 15

Desi Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Jack Solari, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, Maxwell Bishop, Melanie Gabriel, Myles Kinney, Sofia Weis, Sydney McFarland, Adam Marl, and Denyse McGriff

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt*

EXCUSED: *Cole Solari*

ABSENT: *None*

2.a. All members present at the meeting took their oath of office for serving as a Youth Advisory Commission for the 2024-2025 term.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.a. Youth Advisory Commission members and liaisons introduced themselves and participated in an icebreaker activity to get to know one another better.

4.b. Members reviewed the Youth Advisory Commission Chapter 2.62 and the Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws. Adam Marl, Denyse McGriff, and Hannah Schmidt made sure to clearly explain the responsibilities and roles of a Youth Advisory Commission member, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

- 4.c. Hannah Schmidt collected completed Youth Advisory Commission Volunteer Forms from the students.
- 4.d. Hannah Schmidt presented on Public Meeting Policies and Robert's Rules of Order. Members were led through the basic guidelines of Roberts Rule of Order, clarifying definitions, and the process of how to make a motion.
- 4.e. Mayor Denyse McGriff took nominations for Secretary of the Youth Advisory Commission. Jack Solari and Sydney McFarland nominated themselves for Secretary. Both nominations were seconded. A contested vote took place. 2/12 members voted for Jack Solari, 9/12 members voted for Sydney McFarland, and one member abstained from voting. With majority vote, Sydney McFarland will be the Secretary for the 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission.

Mayor Denyse McGriff took nominations for Vice President of the Youth Advisory Commission. Myles Kinney and Desi Hanson nominated themselves for Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission. Both nominations were seconded. 7/12 members voted for Myles Kinney and 5/12 members voted for Desi Hanson. With majority vote, Myles Kinney will be the Vice Chair for the 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission.

Mayor Denyse McGriff took nominations for Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission. Jack Solari nominated Justin Evers. Sofia Weis nominated Julian Guerra Molina. Elyjah McFarland nominated Desi Hanson. All three nominations were seconded, but Desi Hanson withdrew her name. Myles Kinney moved to have a secret ballot. The motion was seconded. 4/12 members voted for Justin Evers. 8/12 members voted for Julian Guerra Molina. With majority vote, Julian Guerra Molina will be the Chair for the 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission.

5. GOAL ALIGNMENT SESSION

- 5.a. Members went over the Youth Advisory Commission projects that have been completed in the past and discussed some potential opportunities for the future. Members also touched on the project ideas that the last cohort had suggested for the future. There was a consensus that Youth Advisory Commission members wanted to continue to judge the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest.
- 5.b. Youth Advisory Commission members brainstormed potential ideas for projects in the future. The list of ideas consisted of:
- Long-lasting project
 - Physical Health – Creating more opportunities for youth to participate in recreation activities for free/reduced costs
 - Youth drug abuse
 - Education accessibility

- Election involvement
- Safe Routes to School/Transportation Safety
- Homelessness
- City/local government education
- Blood drive
- Community mural/beautifying downtown OC/municipal elevator
- Free walls
- Rehab facilities for youth
- Resources for youth experiencing abuse
- Lobbying
- Policy work

5.c. Hannah Schmidt will summarize the project ideas and send a survey out to the Youth Advisory Commission members to collect data on what ideas the Youth Advisory Commission is most interested in pursuing. Members will work on creating SMART Goals for the highest ranked project ideas at the next meeting.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.a. Approval of Amended Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws; Incorporating Process and Criteria for Youth Advisory Commission Members to attend the Oregon Youth Summit has been moved to the next Youth Advisory Commission meeting.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.a. Hannah Schmidt gave a short staff report, highlighting some of the upcoming community events that the Youth Advisory Commission has been invited to attend.

Mayor Denyse McGriff announced that 10 members of the Tateshina Sister City program will be coming to Oregon City and have invited two Youth Advisory Commissioners to attend their welcome dinner on October 14. Julian Guerra Molina, Myles Kinney, Melanie Gabriel, Justin Evers, Jack Solari, Desi Hanson, Sydney McFarland, and Gaby Rysdam. Mayor Denyse McGriff will decide on how to fairly select two of those members to attend the welcome dinner. The welcome dinner coincides with the next scheduled Youth Advisory Commission meeting. Members emphasized that Monday evenings worked well in their schedules to have Youth Advisory Commission meetings. Hannah Schmidt will add suggested meeting dates for October and a variety of evening meeting times onto the survey that will be sent out. Hannah Schmidt will collect this data and make sure to schedule the next Youth Advisory Commission meeting as soon as possible.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.a. Justin Evers moved to amend Youth Advisory Committee to Youth Advisory Commission within the June 10, 2024 Youth Advisory Commission Minutes. The motion was seconded. Sofia Weis moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded. Julian Guerra Molina called for a vote. 11/12 members voted in favor. One member was not present in the room when the vote was taken. The motion carries.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Youth Advisory Commission Chair, Julian Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist
Date Approved: 10/21/2024