



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:15 PM

Ways to participate in this public meeting:

- Attend in person, location listed above. Please see the public comment guidelines below.
- Register to provide electronic testimony (email hschmidt@orcity.org or call 503-496-1510 by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to register)
- Email hschmidt@orcity.org (deadline to submit written testimony via email is 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Processes of the City of Oregon City Government - Tony Konkol, City Manager
- b. Clackamas County Tobacco Prevention and Education Program - Marc Czornij, Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Program Planner

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. "If I Were Mayor..." Contest
- b. SMART Goal Overview

5. SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Staff Report

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. October 21, 2024 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

8. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the clerk. When the Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence. Each speaker is given 3 minutes to speak. As a general practice, the committee does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Complaints shall be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the committee.

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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** November 18, 2024
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 4.a. - "If I Were Mayor..." Contest

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Create a strategic marketing plan to advertise for the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Please reference the attached document to review the organizations/schools who were informed of the local Oregon City "If I Were Mayor..." Contest last year and come to the meeting prepared to add any other relevant organizations onto this list. The City's "If I Were Mayor..." Contest webpage has been updated and can be viewed by clicking the link below:

<https://www.orcity.org/3105/If-I-Were-Mayor-Contest>

Content for the Spring Trail News is due on January 13, 2025. The contest can also be advertised in the E-Trail News for the months of December – March. I will coordinate with our Communications Manager, Jarrod Lyman to promote the contest on social media as well.

BACKGROUND:

At the last meeting, the Youth Advisory Commission agreed to judge the local Oregon City "If I Were Mayor..." Contest. The local deadline will be on Sunday, March 30. The Youth Advisory Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 31 to judge the contest entries and vote on the top three candidates for each category below:

1. Posters
 - a. Open to students enrolled in grades 4 & 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2024-25 school year.
 - b. Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (paint, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, 3D art, etc.)
2. Essay
 - a. The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6-8 or being homeschooled at the same grade level for the 2024-25 school year.
 - b. Essays must be 500-1,000 words in length and typed.
3. Multimedia
 - a. Open to students enrolled in grades 9- 12 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2024-25 school year.

- b. Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted via email.

We will be reviewing last years "If I Were Mayor..." contest winners in the multimedia category at our meeting, but please reference the attached documents to see the winners from the poster and essay categories at the state level from the 2023-2024 academic year.

	Organization
	Oregon City School District
	Redland Elementary
	John McLoughlin Elementary
	Jennings Lodge Elementary
	Gaffney Lane Elementary
	Holcolmb Elementary
	Candy Lane Elementary
	Beavercreek Elementary
	Gardiner Middle School
	Tumwata Middle School
	Springwater Environmental Sciences School
	Oregon City High School
	Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences
	Alliance Charter Academy
	Oregon City Service Learning Academy (OCSLA)
	North Clackamas Christian High School
	Marylhurst School
	Marylhurst School
	St. John the Apostle Catholic School
	Faith Custom Learning Centers
	Bright Minds Christian Day School
	Oregon City Day School
	YMCA Clackamas Child Development Center
	Basic Skills Assessment and Educational Services
	Clackamas County Christian Homeschoolers
	Exodus Books

If I Were Mayor

By Leuca Wanford

Mayors are a key part of a city. They are the figurehead and the image of the city. A Mayor listens to the community and works with the council and the various departments of the city to make a better town for the citizens. Mayors bring ideas and energy to the city and work hard to make our city a better place for everyone.

If I were the Mayor of Lake Oswego, I would work hard to make changes that greatly benefit our community and environment. I would do so by ensuring every school has safe sidewalks and bike accessibility, advocating for clean energy, constructing solar panels on city buildings, and educating our citizens on modern topics and issues.

The first thing I would do as Mayor would be to ensure that every school in the school district has safe sidewalks and bike-accessible ways to get to school. To do this, I would first survey our citizens asking them if there were any issues with paths near their houses. If the results said anything about unsafe or inefficient sidewalks or bike routes, I would work hard with the Department of Engineering to construct or improve the sidewalks and bike routes. Students having safe ways to get to school should always be a top priority, as this means they won't have to walk or bike on the road anymore which puts them in danger due to car traffic. Sidewalk accessibility also encourages people to walk instead of drive, and reducing driving will decrease greenhouse emissions, noise pollution, and traffic congestion.

The next priority I would tackle as Mayor would be to keep encouraging the use of clean energy. I would run campaigns through neighborhood associations, the LO Chamber of Commerce, and the LO Review to encourage people to switch both their homes and businesses to clean energy. Additionally, I would work to install solar panels onto publicly owned buildings. This means city departments, schools, recreational spaces, and more would be powered by clean energy. We are already doing this with City Hall, Lakeridge Middle School, and the Maintenance

Center on Jean Road, and I would be excited to continue the trend of using clean energy. These actions would greatly decrease our city's carbon footprint, allow us to act as a model of sustainability to other municipalities, and improve our city and the world for generations to come.

In addition to updating our energy infrastructure on publicly owned buildings, I would also increase the awareness of our city's citizens about modern topics. As Mayor, I would host more community events. These would spread awareness for a variety of topics, such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, Labor Day, Veterans Day, and so many more. We could also use these events to raise awareness about public safety, climate change, mental health, and social justice. It is important to raise awareness about these topics because they are serious modern issues that the citizens of Lake Oswego should be educated on. In addition, these community events could create a set of core values that will follow our citizens into the future.

At the end of the year, at the State of the City Address, I would remind everyone what the city had accomplished: installing and improving school sidewalks and bike accessibility, advocating for and installing clean energy alternatives, and educating our community through public events on modern issues and important awareness months and dates. With these changes, I hope to see safer children, fewer cars in school zones, less carbon emissions in our city, more energy generated in our city, cleaner energy, kinder citizens, and a more supportive, inclusive community.

If I were mayor I would do a lot of things, but if I were to choose one, it would be to host a program with kids to help them learn about how their community works. The kids would travel to the sites around the town once a month to learn about that place, and how it influences the town. For example, they would go to the water facility, fire station, town hall, etc.

It would be a **6** month program. At the end of the program, they would meet up to talk about what they learned. The goal of this program is to introduce kids to the insights of how a town truly runs, and it would possibly inspire them to become a mayor or a leader one day.

When I was brainstorming, I thought of many unique ideas like a better dog park, improving the sporting fields, and more sidewalks. Then I thought, who would carry out the dog parks? Who would use the new sporting fields? Who would walk on those sidewalks? The next generation of kids!

So I thought to myself, why not make a program to boost the next generation into being good citizens and leaders. The kids would get to know the ins and outs of how the community they live in runs. I chose this over all of the other ideas because I truly want kids to be inspired by what they learn and feel like they can contribute to their town.

The program would be a **6** month program, where once a month **10-15** kids would visit a city site with their mayor and learn about how that site influences their community. [For example in Scappoose it could be going to the fire station one month then going to the library next.] To apply, you must fill out a form to give to you mayor. After the end of every **6** months, a new application process could begin.

The 6 sites that could be visited would be the Library, Fire/Police Station, Water Facility, Electricity Plant, City Hall, and a landmark/historic site of your choice. At the end, the kids would discuss together what they learned in the program. For example, in Scappoose, one month you could visit the water facility, and the next visit the library, and so on.

The targeted benefit is that kids feel like they know the characteristics of the city, and how they can contribute to the community. The other benefits are that the kids become leaders in their community, and to have a connection with the mayor of their town. That means the next generation will help shape a bright future for their town. Plus the fact that we would be able to see the next generation of citizens. The kids will hopefully bring the community together, not just now, but in a lasting bond.

In conclusion, I believe that this program will empower the next generation to become leaders, whether that's a mayor, a governor, and even a president. To my knowledge, there is no other program in Oregon like this. The power of just a **6** month program, once a month, can make a difference, not in just one life, but a community, a nation, and a world.

If I were Mayor...

Being a mayor can be a lot of hard work. Mayors are in charge of their city's image and work to decide what needs to be changed or fixed in order to better their city. If I Were Mayor, I would hold learning classes, increase our tree population, create a senior/student program, obtain more schoolwide funding, and promote the food bank and local businesses more.

If I were Mayor, the first thing I would do is host a free ASL class for anyone who would want to join. I have always wanted to learn American Sign Language, but there has never been any classes near me that I could join. I think it would be great if we could have an ASL class open to everyone because it would serve as both a bonding experience and a very useful skill.

Another thing I would do if I were mayor is make our area more green. I believe that people are more likely to want to live in an area if there is more nature surrounding it. An idea for this is to hold an "Adopt a Tree" competition. In this competition, every person would plant a tree and have to care for this tree for a certain time period. The winner of this competition could get a small cash prize, and if even half of the people in our town did this, we would have nearly 1000 new trees.

If I were mayor, I would also want to develop a senior/student partnership program. In this program, students and senior citizens could help each other with any type of support needed. For example, senior citizens have experienced many of life's difficulties, so they could perhaps help younger students who are in need of guidance. Even if this would just be a couple meals together a month or help cleaning around the house, both sides would benefit from having another person to rely on. This program could also establish a reliable parental figure for students who do not have a reliable home life.

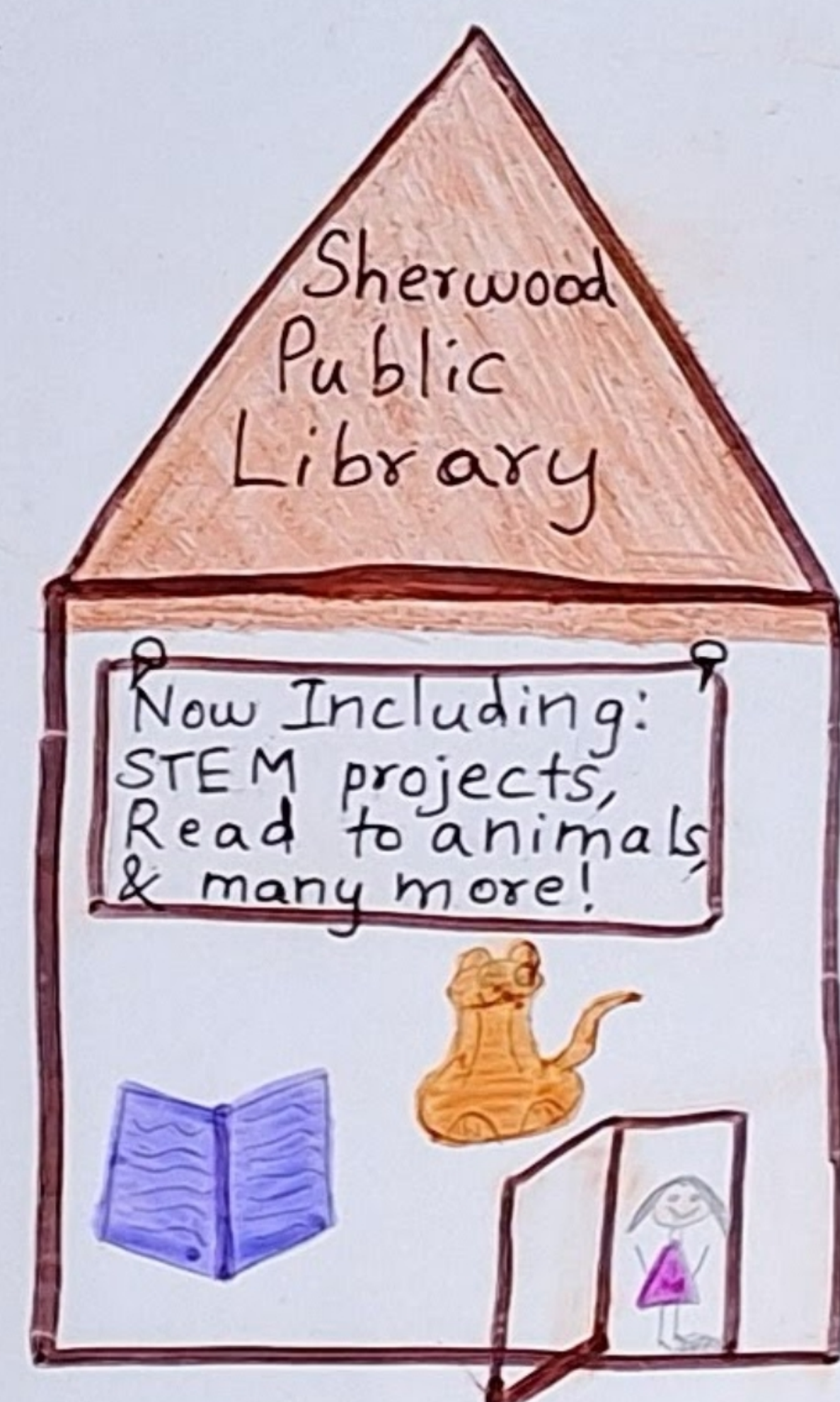
An important part of having a good educational system in a city is to have a school where students actually want to go. I think it would be very good if we had more funding for the high school building and classrooms. To get the money for the schools, we could have different fundraisers and sell Bank's trailhead clothing. If we could update the building and supplies at all, I think it would very much boost morale at the schools. Another idea would be to start having some of the classes outside more often. Nature can be a very relaxing space and people often benefit from being in a less stressful environment.

I would also want to promote the food bank and local businesses more. I think it is important for the city to support the local businesses in their area. I would have sit down conversations with each business and discuss how we, as a team, can get their business to be more successful and noticed. As for the food bank, I would continue to promote it with the school wide competitions, but I would also hold a volunteer group where every other week or so we would go to the food bank and teach people how to make nutritious meals without expensive ingredients. This group could also go to the schools and teach healthy meal planning there.

In conclusion, being a mayor takes a lot of time and energy. Mayor's have to ensure their city is running smoothly and that people are happy living there. In order to do this, I would add community activities, add more green to the city, create stronger bonds between residents, get more funding for the schools, and focus on keeping my citizens healthy.

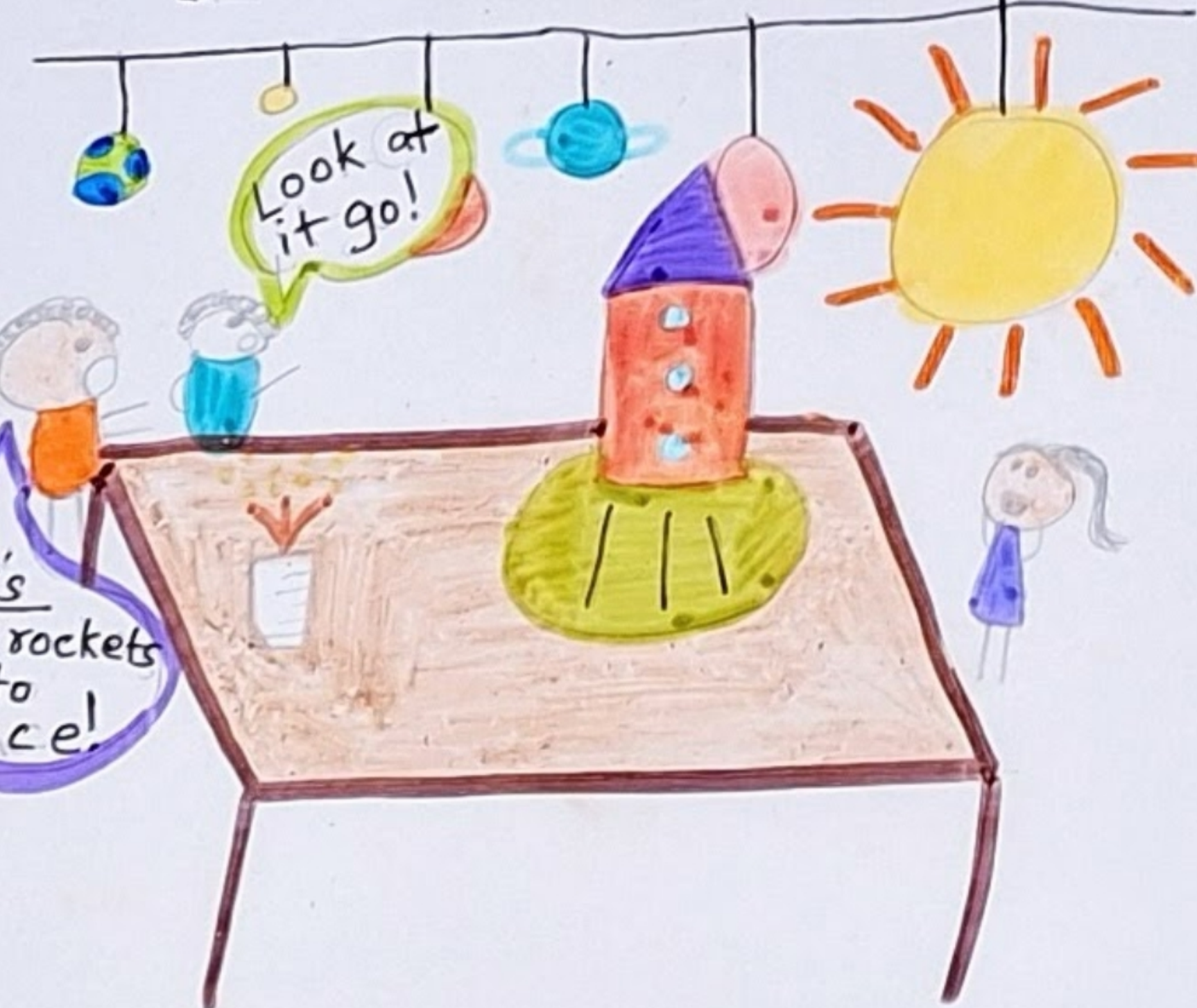


Sherwood Public Library Outside



So that's how rockets go to space!

Inside



If I were the Mayor of Sherwood...

I aspire to transform Sherwood into a model city for Oregon and the nation...

Model International Community Garden

- * Citizens of the city include people from different Nationalities, cultures, and cuisines.
- * As the Mayor, I would use the opportunity to promote multicultural experience and interaction.
- * I will establish zones to grow herbs and plants from different parts of the world.
- * Greenhouse enclosures will be constructed and maintained by the city to help plants thrive.
- * Establish "Citizens Square" in Farmer's market to distribute the plants/herbs along with healthy recipes to promote multicultural experience.

Model City Library

- * I will advocate and arrange for increased variety of books to the Sherwood Public Library.
- * Support special emphasis on the STEM topics by promoting weekly workshops and interactive STEM experiments.
- * Introduce a "Read to Animals" program where kids can read to pets.
- * Dedicate rooms in the city library to help people with vision/hearing difficulties needing library resources using advanced tech.

Model Environment-friendly City

- * Increase the number of park & ride spots across the City of Sherwood.
- * Install charging spots across the city to help people charge up electric vehicles like cars.
- * Monthly workshops at the City Hall to promote environment awareness. Topics would cover rooftop solar-panels, LED lighting and reusable water.
- * Create ponds to conserve rainwater and recharge groundwater around the city.

Model Safe City

- * Introduce neighborhood watch programs run by kids to help them grow as responsible citizens.
- * Recognize excellent work with "Sherwood Hero Awards".
- * Prioritize safe streets by ensuring enough street lights, proper speed limits, and signage.
- * Establish remote camera monitoring of main junctions so that help can arrive soon.
- * Dedicate shelters to help people affected by inclement weather or hazards to homes.
- * Establish volunteer programs to perform safety checks for senior citizens.
- * Build more parks with plentiful resources so citizens of different ages can enjoy!

City of Sherwood



Can you help me? Thanks!



I won! I'm so proud of helping my city!

LANGERS GIFT CARD

Spring Sherwood City Heroes Announced!

Look, that pothole needs some help!

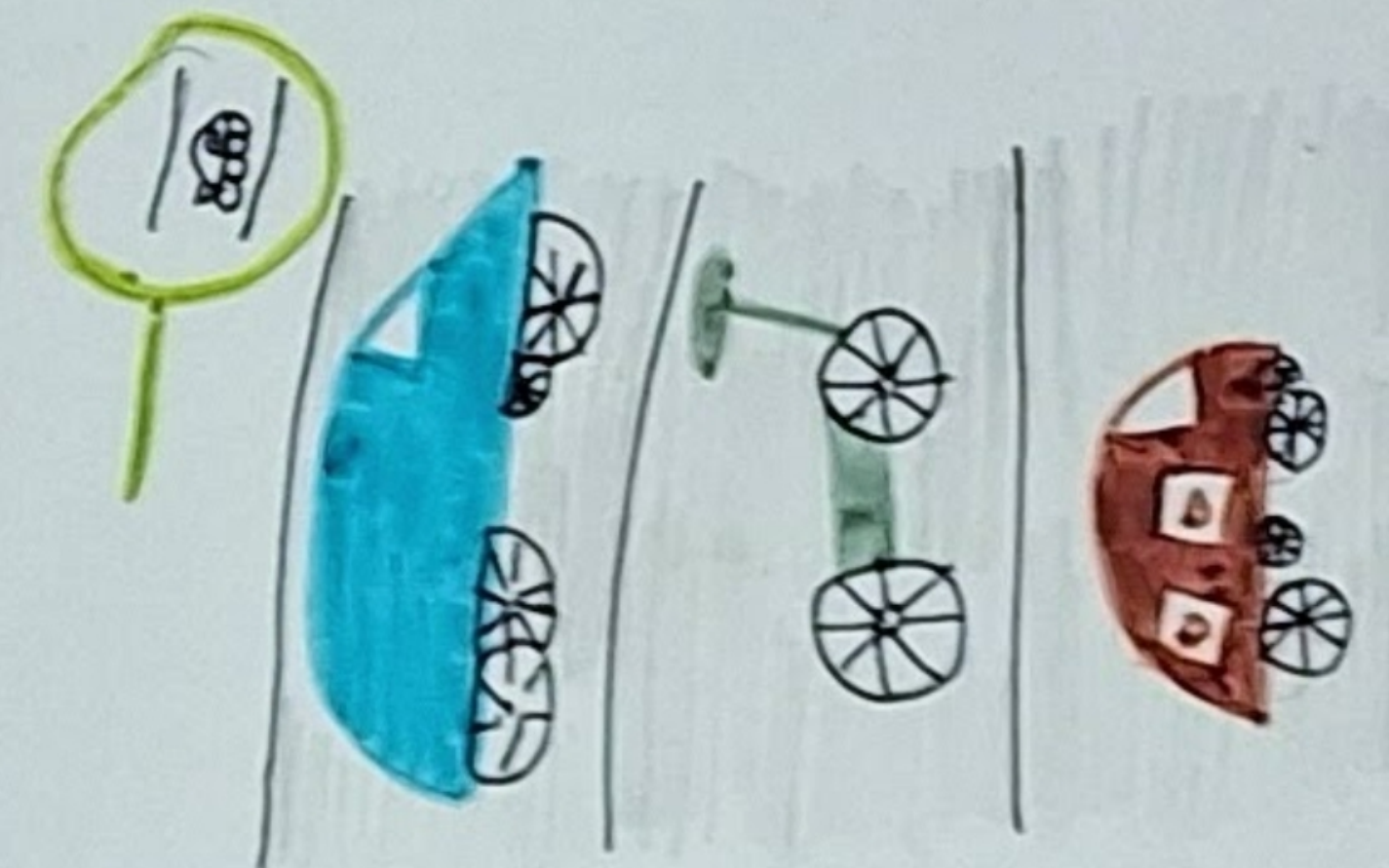
I should inform the city workers!



Reuse saved water for lawns & Industries

Conserve water!

System to conserve & distribute rainwater



IF I WERE MAYOR

Address homelessness!

① If I were

mayor I would address the situation on homelessness more at schools because of how much of a problem it is here. For example I would make it a lesson at school so that kids my age know more about this problem. My idea will help more people better understand how big of a problem this is. We can make a free food drive 2 or more times a month for people who need it, people can donate food and unwanted items for free.

For people in need

Food Drives

Free food and clothing

Kindness!

③ Kindness is vital

and would be even more important to me if I were mayor. I believe a town needs a kind and welcoming community and so if I were mayor I would make sure everyone was kind to each other. That's because everyone deserves to be treated fairly and with respect!

Treated with respect!

Kindness is vital!



Committees!

② As mayor I could

start more committees to help with problems in the city, a few examples are a recycling club that could clean local parks and help recycle. Similar to the recycling club there can be a cleaning committee to help keep our parks and neighborhoods clean. Another idea could be a club against dangerous drugs like Fentanyl, cocaine and alcohol. Drugs interfere with the brain, and this can lead to death! We can make classes for these people to overcome these addictions.

cleaning

committees

Anti drugs club

recycle

Community garden!

④ If I were mayor I would open a

community garden so everyone can plant vegetables and fresh fruit. The garden can plant flowers and plants and help bring people from different backgrounds together. All ages can join, it can also educate younger kids. We can also start a local farmers market 2 or more times a year.

Community garden

all ages

farmers market

by Brittney
Gil Rosales

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CAJA DE SUGERENCIAS DIGITAL

Si yo fuera alcalde, uno de mis enfoques seria, un caja de sugerencias digital. Como se funciona es, primero va a buscar Albany, Oregon suggestion box, luego va a ser click en el enlace. Finalmente va a escribir su sugerencia en el espacio provisto y cuando terminas hace click en el "done" boton. Este idea va a ayudar a saber que necesita la comunidad.

#1

#3

#2

#4

TYPE HERE

Done

Helping Hands Donations

Todas donaciones son bienvenidas

Open

CENTROS DE DONACIONES

Si yo fuera alcalde una otro de mis enfoques seria ayudando mas a los centros de donaciones. No seria ser mucho solo poquito. Yo conozco la dueño de Fish of Albany y ella seria muy muy agradecido. Si recibi mas donaciones o ayuda con los eventos que hacen para Fish. Y yo estoy seguro que otros centros de donaciones seria agradecido tambien.

FISH OF ALBANY

FONDOS DEL CIUDAD

Si yo fuera alcalde, uno otro de mis enfoques seria, fondos del ciudad. Yo viera recaudar dinero para limpiar o ayudar a parques, hospitales, restaurantes, tiendas etc... Por ejemplo, para recaudar dinero para un hospital para los niños puede ser un carnaval, donde para entrar es 5 dolares para cada persona.

VOTAR POR REAGAN

Parques limpios Y VATENER...

Mejores Materiales para los Hospitales

Childrens Hospital

Un CARNIVAL

MÁS DONACIONES

Helping Hands Donations

LIMPIA LAS PARQUES

Si yo fuera alcalde yo se enfocare en las parques. Las parques que estan cerca de mi casa son muy sucio y muchas veces no son muy divertidos para jugar porque estan tan sucios. Yo sabe que limpiando los parques no es un gran problema como los sin hogar pero si es un problema porque si los parques no son un poquito de limpio los niños no queria jugar afuera y solo va a jugar video juegos y no ejercisando.

CARNIVAL

Corn Dogs

Todo el dinero va ir al Hospital para Niños

Slushies

SMART Goal Alignment Session

Goal	Explanation	Answer
Specific	• What is the Goal? • Who is this goal intended to impact?	
Measurable	• How will this goal be measured – Quantitatively or qualitatively? • What tools or methods will be used to measure the success of the goal?	
Attainable	• Is this goal attainable? • What will the Youth Advisory Commission need to attain this goal?	
Relevant	• Is this goal relevant to the purpose of the Youth Advisory Commission? • How meaningful is this goal on a scale of 1-10?	
Time-Bound	• What is the timeframe for this goal? • Is this goal feasible to accomplish by the end of the term? • Is this a long-term goal to be continued by future Youth Advisory Commissions?	



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** November 18, 2024
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 6.a. – Staff Liaison Updates

1. Creating an Interest Request Form for YAC

As the City Liaison for the Youth Advisory Commission, I receive an influx of emails about various organizations who are interested in potentially working on a particular project with the Youth Advisory Commission. Instead of having me respond to all the inquiries, I would like to propose having the Youth Advisory Commission create an interest request form where organizations can formally submit a request to work with the Youth Advisory Commission or have them collaborate on a project. The Clackamas County Youth Action Board currently use a Consultation Request Form for their organization. Please review their request form by clicking the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXovASvMlsUnvq5Yvv_ObcZaPIPoQDL24to4WJ4EgNhzg-Q/viewform.

Come to the meeting prepared to discuss on whether this is something that the Youth Advisory Commission is interested in creating. I am hoping that we can discuss creating some sort of process to more actively engage the Youth Advisory Commission members with the inquiries we are receiving.

2. City Day at the Capitol

When: Tuesday, January 28, 2024; 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Where: Salem Convention Center

Registration for this event opens on December 3, 2024. If Youth Advisory Commission members are interested in attending this event, we will need to work on coordinating transportation to and from the event.

3. Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

Plant for Pollinators: A Community Volunteer Event

If you've visited the pool lately, you might have seen the new retaining wall—it's just the beginning of the Oregon City Parks and Recreation team's exciting pollinator garden project! We'll be planting a variety of pollinator plants, including Oregon Grape, Nootka Rose, and many more native varieties. You're invited to join us for a planting party on Saturday, November 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is family friendly and open

to all ages. Please note that only 25 volunteer spots are available to ensure everyone can actively participate. To reserve your spot, email Community Engagement Specialist Hannah Schmidt at hschmidt@orc.org. Please reference the attached flyer for more detailed information.

Friends of Trees: Oregon City North Neighborhoods Planting

Friends of Trees is hosting an Oregon City North Neighborhood Planting even on December 14, 2024 at Rivercrest Park. This event will be catered to the north neighborhoods of Oregon City: Rivercrest, McLoughlin, Park Place, Elyville, Canemah, and Two Rivers. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please register at friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar. The event will run from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. but volunteers should arrive at 8:45 a.m. on Dec 14.

Not interested in volunteering but interested in ordering a tree? You can order a tree for only \$35 to be planted in your right of way, front, side, or backyard! Tree orders can be made online at friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree and orders must be placed by November 27, 2024.

Questions? Please check out the [Volunteer FAQ webpage](#). The OC Friends of Trees team is also happy to assist! You can reach Cece and Jenny at volunteer@friendsoftrees.org, 503-595-0213. Please reference the attached flyers with QR codes for more detailed information.

LoveOne

- Oregon City Brax Laundry & Shower Event – Wednesday, November 27, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 - For more information about the event, including access to sign up to volunteer, visit the link:
<https://www.loveonecommunity.org/events/oregon-city-brax-showers-laundry-event-2024-11-27-18-00>



PLANT FOR POLLINATORS:

A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENT

DATE

- Saturday, November 23

TIME

- 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LOCATION

- Oregon City Swimming Pool
1211 Jackson Street
Oregon City, Oregon

DETAILS

- Assist in planting native plant varieties for the Oregon City Swimming Pool Garden Project
- Family-friendly event - open to all ages
- Tools, refreshments and snack provided
- Restrooms available on-site
- Only 25 volunteer spots available
- To reserve your volunteer spot, please send an email to hschmidt@orc.org



VOLUNTEER TO PLANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Join Friends of Trees this February to help plant trees and grow a healthier community. Saturday mornings, 9 am - 1 pm. All are welcome!

Visit friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar.
Registration required to save your place. Hope to see you soon!

**Dec 14th
2024** **Oregon City North Planting (Rivercrest Park)**

**Mar 8th
2025** **Oregon City South Planting (Wesley Lynn Park)**





GET A TREE PLANTED AT YOUR HOME FOR ONLY \$35

Get a tree for your right-of-way or your front, side, or
backyard.

Sign up at friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree

**Dec 14th*
2024**

**Oregon City North: Rivercrest, McLoughlin,
Park Place, Elyville, Canemah, Two Rivers**

***Order your tree by 11/27**

**Mar 8th
2025***

**Oregon City South Planting: Gaffney Lane,
Hillendale, Tower Vista, Hazel Grove- Westling
Farm, Caufield, South End**

***Order your tree by 2/17**



friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree





CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:15 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Julian Guerra Molina.

PRESENT: 15

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

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt*

EXCUSED: *Sofia Weis*

ABSENT: *None*

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

3. GOAL ALIGNMENT SESSION

3.a. The Commission discussed a variety of project topics and voted on the topics that would like to address:

- Youth Drug Abuse (11 votes)
- Youth Houselessness (6 votes)
- Physical Health (8 votes)
- Beatifying Oregon City (3 votes)
- Election Involvement (8 votes)

The Youth Advisory Commission identified their top priority as a group is to limit the accessibility of nicotine products for youth to aid in reducing youth addiction. All members agreed of creating this topic as their main priority. Members emphasized that they need to figure out how to reach adolescents that are struggling with drug abuse.

b. The Youth Advisory Commission created the following subcommittees:

1. Election Involvement Subcommittee

- This subcommittee will work on reducing the voting age limit for local school board elections.
- The following members have signed up to join the Election Involvement Subcommittee:
 - Justin Evers
 - Sydney McFarland
 - Myles Kinney
 - Gaby Rysdam

2. Youth Houselessness Subcommittee

- This subcommittee will work on addressing youth houselessness within Oregon City.
- The following members have signed up to join the Youth Houselessness Subcommittee:
 - Melanie Gabriel
 - Max Bishop
 - Jack Solari

3. Physical/Mental Health Subcommittee

- This subcommittee will work on addressing the issues surrounding physical and mental health resources for youth within the City of Oregon City.
- The following members have signed up to join the Physical/Mental Health Subcommittee:
 - Elyjah McFarland
 - Cole Solari
 - Hyrum Freestone
 - Desi Hanson

Sofia Weis was not present at this meeting and will decide which subcommittee to join at the next Youth Advisory Commission meeting. Members will work on creating solidified goals for each subcommittee at the next meeting utilizing the SMART Goal sheets. Moving forward, the Youth Advisory Commission meeting Agendas will have designated time frames within the meeting to conduct work within their specific subcommittees.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Information on the 2025 "If I Were Mayor..." Contest has been made available by the Oregon Mayor's Association. The state contest deadline is April 11, 2025. The Youth Advisory Commission will be judging the local contest again, but will allow certain members to participate in the contest if they so desire. Those who participate within the contest will not be allowed to judge the local Oregon City entries. The local Oregon City contest deadline will be on May 30, 2025. The Youth Advisory Commission will host a special meeting on Monday, May 31 to judge the

local “If I Were Mayor...” Contest. This year, the Youth Advisory Commission emphasized that there needs to be improvement on:

- Clarifying the rules and scope of the contest.
 - Only Oregon City residents and/or students within the Oregon City School District can submit entries for the local Oregon City contest.
- Clearly identifying the prize for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners in each category.
- Advertising to the high school age demographic

Hannah Schmidt will be sure to showcase the multimedia state winners from the 2023-2024 “If I Were Mayor...” Contest for reference.

- 4.b. After a short discussion, Myles Kinney moved to approve the amended Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws; Incorporating Process and Criteria for Youth Advisory Commission Members to attend the Oregon Youth Summit. Jack Solari seconded. Unanimous approval was received.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.a. Hannah Schmidt gave information about the October Staff Report to the Youth Advisory Commission. Further discussion about creating a Youth Advisory Commission inquiry form needs to take place in the near future.
- 5.b. Desi Hanson, Myles Kinney, and Jack Solari attended the World Networking Café event. The members reported on learning about the numerous resources available to youth and adults who are struggling with drug addiction. They also emphasized how grateful the organizations were for their participation as youth within the community.
- 5.c. Max Bishop attended the Clackamas River Water Providers Watershed Tour and described varying facilities that the group toured along with the process that occurs in order for residents of Oregon City to receive clean drinking water.
- 5.d. Elyjah McFarland worked as a volunteer at the Clackamas Community College Indigenous People's Day. Myles Kinney and Desi Hanson volunteered as representatives of the City at the Oregon City booth at this event as well.
- 5.e. Julian Guerra Molina and Desi Hanson attended the Tateshina Sister City Welcome Dinner where they conversed with the fellow Tateshine students and government representatives.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a. The Youth Advisory Commission looked over the Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2024. Myles Kinney moved to approve the minutes. Jack Solari seconded. Unanimous approval was received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. by Chair Julian Guerra Molina

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: _____