
**CITY OF OREGON CITY
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: 15

Justin Evers, Jack Solari, Myles Kinny, Julain Guerra Molina, Cole Solari, Elyjah McFarland, Sydney McFarland, Sofia Weis, Gaby Rysdam, Max Bishop, Hyrum Freestone, Desi Hanson, Melanie Gabriel, Adam Marl, Denyse McGriff

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Tony Konkol*

EXCUSED: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Tony Konkol, the City Manager for Oregon City, explained the chains in federal, state, and local government. Konkol elaborated on the elected Mayor, City Commission positions, and the committee/board roles within the City of Oregon City. Youth Advisory Commission members asked questions related to getting their ideas and concepts into action and best steps and practices to do so. Konkol emphasized that there is no structure of hierarchy within the City's board/committees aside from the structure of the City Commission, Planning Commission, and Historic Review Board. The City Commission governs decision making for the City of Oregon City as a whole, and the Planning Commission and Historic Review Board are empowered by the legislature to make decisions that are binding.
- b. Marc Czornij, Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Program Planner, discussed the variety of flavored tobacco products available today and how the specific flavors seem to target youth audiences. Czornij explained the health risks and side effects associated with tobacco use and presented some reasons that youth experiment with tobacco products. The majority of tobacco products that youth engage with are flavored vape or e-cigarette products. 19.4% of Clackamas County 11th grade students said they bought tobacco or vape

products at a gas station or store. Czornij elaborated on what can be done to help prevent youth from nicotine addiction. Czornij advocated that the most effective way to protect youth is to implement a state-wide ban on flavored tobacco products. Other youth organizations within Clackamas County have taken action to encourage their local elected officials to support a local or state ban of these flavored tobacco products. Czornij emphasized that he can be a resource for the Youth Advisory Commission if they are interested in taking similar action within the Oregon City community.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Hannah Schmidt reported out on marketing techniques to help promote the local Oregon City "If I Were Mayor..." Contest. Cole Solari stated that he would assist in promoting the contest in OCTV. Hannah Schmidt will be creating a local contest flyer and distributing it out to a school contact list within the Oregon City community. Students must be enrolled in 4th – 12th grade at a school within the Oregon City School District or live within City limits for their material to be accepted in the contest. Youth Advisory Commission members are expected to assist in spreading the word about the contest to their peers.
- b. Julian Guerra Molina reviewed the SMART Goal worksheet with the group. Sofia Weis was added to the physical/mental health working group. The Youth Advisory Commission agreed that working group assignments are finalized:

Election Involvement

1. Justin Evers – Leader
2. Sydney McFarland
3. Myles Kinney
4. Gaby Rysdam

Youth Houselessness

1. Melanie Gabriel – Leader
2. Max Bishop
3. Jack Solar

Youth Physical/Mental Health

1. Elyjah McFarland – Leader
2. Cole Solari
3. Hyrum Freestone
4. Desi Hanson
5. Sofia Weis

5. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

Members broke out into their designated working groups and completed their SMART Goal work sheets to help solidify their goals for their specific topics of concern.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Hannah Schmidt presented the staff report to the Youth Advisory Commission for the month of November. Many members were interested in the City Day at the Capitol event on January 28, 2024.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Youth Advisory Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2024. Justin Evers moved to approve the minutes. Myles Kinney seconded. Unanimous approval.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Julain Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Schmidt
Date Approved: 12/09/2024