



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:15 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: 15

Justin Evers, Jack Solari, Myles Kinney, 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*

EXCUSED: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. John Duke, Director of the Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County (HSCCC) and Kennan Moore, Board Member of HSCC and Senior Regional Coordinator for Second Home, presented on the volunteer-led, grassroots organization of HSCCC and their efforts in creating a Caring Place within the Oregon City community. The Fathers Heart, a homeless day shelter currently does not have enough room to serve to amount of clients in need, will be moved to the newly established building within A Caring Place. Love One and Clackamas County Health Centers will also be located out of the new facility along with a coffee shop that provides job opportunities for those struggling to get off the streets. A Caring Place will be built on Main Street and 15 Street, with construction anticipated to begin in the summer of 2025. There will be a community court within the first floor to serve folks who have committed non-violent crimes that are homeless. The court serves to help them get the resources they need to get off the streets as an alternative to jail. Sleeping rooms and meals will be provided to those in need at the Caring Place through Fathers Heart services. A Caring Place is anticipated to be open in min 2026.

The Youth Advisory Commission learned about Outside the Frame, which focuses on the tri-county area, helping homeless and marginalized youth have a creative outlet and learn to direct films to further job development skills for at risk youth. Outside the Frame wants to develop workshops around the area to be available to more youth. The presenters emphasized that more housing was the simplest answer to fixing the homelessness crisis.

Fathers Heart will provide volunteers at the new facility, but the new building is expected to attract even more volunteer engagement to aid in their efforts.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Myles Kinney moved to support the passage and creation of a Resolution restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products and protecting Oregon City youth from a lifetime nicotine addiction. The motion was seconded by Justin Evers. Unanimous approval. The motion passed.
- b. Cole Solari is working to provide information about the Oregon City “If I Were A Mayor...” Contest on OCTV.

5. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The Election Involvement Working Group communicated that they are networking in order to gain information on how they can get started to influence lowering the age limit for local school board elections.
- b. The Youth Houselessness Working Group will reach out to Fathers Heart to see what ways the Youth Advisory Commission can support youth struggling with houselessness.
- c. The Youth Physical/Mental Health Working Group described how they were finalizing plans for a community engagement event that provides opportunities for youth to get active and to have a safe mental health space to discuss issues and feel a sense of community. Hannah Schmidt emphasized that before moving forward with any planning on this event, that staff need to be looped in and involved. There was also discussion of the creation of an Instagram account for engaging youth in getting active within Oregon City, and Hannah Schmidt indicated that there could be a conflict with the creation of such an account if they are acting on behalf of the Youth Advisory Commission.
- d. Hannah Schmidt inquired which Youth Advisory Commission members will be

attending the City Day at the Capitol event on January 28, 2024. All 13 members acknowledged that they would be in attendance and will have to be excused from school that day. Hannah Schmidt stressed there will be no underage drinking tolerated at the event. If a member is suspected to be participating in underage drinking they will be subject to removal of the Youth Advisory Commission, reported to the Oregon City Police Department, removed from the event immediately with the entirety of the group, and parents/guardians will be contacted immediately about their behavior and actions.

Members discussed the potential of meeting twice within a month. Elyjah McFarland moved to add the Youth Advisory Commission meeting schedule onto the agenda for the January 13, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission meeting. Julian Guerra Molina seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Myles Kinny moved to approved the November 18, 2024 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jack Solari seconded. Unanimous approval. The motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Julian Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt

Date Approved: _____