



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:15 PM

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Community Choice Grants - Oregon Metro

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. 2025 Oregon Cancer Action Day - SB 702

5. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Youth Nicotine Addiction
- b. Youth Houselessness Working Group
- c. Election Involvement Working Group
- d. Youth Physical and Mental Health Working Group
- e. Clackamas County Tobacco Prevention Program - Jack Solari
- f. Staff Liaison Report
- g. Commission Liaison Report

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. March 10, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission Rivercrest Tour Meeting Minutes
- b. March 10, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. March 31, 2025 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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Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants:

Community design advocate program

April 2025 to June 2026

Since 2008, Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grants have supported community projects and programs across the region, from local park improvements to stream restoration to hands-on nature education for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Its newest program, the **Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants**, gives community members a direct voice in **imagining, developing and choosing parks and nature projects in their neighborhoods**. This year, the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants program is being held in the Clackamas County cities and unincorporated urban areas from Milwaukie south to Oregon City. \$2 to \$3 million in grants will be awarded to projects voted on by community members.

Stipend, resources and support

Community design advocates will receive a \$250 to \$3,000 stipend depending on capacity and level of participation. At the highest level of commitment, we anticipate having community design advocates commit 4 to 6 hours of time per week. We will work with each interested community member to create an agreement that works for you!

An additional \$2,000 allowance will be available for three advocate-focused events, that is one event for each phase of the project. This funding can cover things like gift cards, take-home prizes, activity supplies, etc. Outside of this allowance, Metro is also providing funding and support for translation, venues, and food catered by a local restaurant.

We often create materials to support our efforts, such as paper surveys, poster newspapers, fliers, surveys etc. We will develop them with the community design advocate and provide them when produced.



What is a community design advocate?

Working alongside Metro staff and consultant team members from Colloqate Design, Knot Studio, and MultiCultural Collaborative, community design advocates are paid team members. They are knowledgeable of Clackamas County, its people, and have connections to historically marginalized communities who are most often not able to participate in parks and nature projects. Does that sound like you? We hope so!

A community design advocate will share information and invite their networks to participate in the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants program in order to develop projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience, and increase people's experience of nature at the community scale.

Based on their capacity, community design advocates will have the opportunity to collaborate with the project team to create and implement a process that is culturally responsive and accessible, facilitate at events, and host focus group workshops.

Through the community design advocate program, we aim to build long-term knowledge within our communities on how our cities are planned, designed and built. We want to build long-term capacity for organizing and advocating for our communities' aspirations in built space. We hope that you will find yourself better equipped to take part in development and design processes that have so often left community voices out.

How the Community Choice Grants work

Step 1: Information Sharing and Idea Generating April to May 2025

Get the word out and allow community members to share their experiences, needs, and ideas for parks and natural areas for their communities. Methods include tabling, in-person workshops, surveys, and online idea submissions.

Community design advocates minimum role: Let your communities know, distribute informational materials, invite your community to events and workshops! You could also organize community engagement actions or support events facilitation.

Step 2: Project Vetting June to July 2025

Project Team works with Metro partners to coordinate ideas with district logistics. The project team will put together clear project idea summaries to use in following development workshops.

Step 3: Project Development Round One Aug. to Sept. 2025

Work with community members to develop ideas into project concepts that have clear goals and parameters. The project team will support in making images that reflect the community idea, to be used for voting.

Community design advocates minimum role: Same as Step 1.

Step 4: First Community Vote Oct. 2025

Community members cast their votes for the projects that they most want to see and think best meets community and ecosystem needs.

Community design advocates role: Let your communities know, distribute voting materials, invite your community to events.

Step 5: Partner Development Nov. to Dec. 2025

The project team will work with Metro district partners to pair project ideas who received the highest votes with site opportunities and their associated logistics.

Step 6: Project Development Round Two Jan. 2026

Work with community members on developing ideas into projects with a defined scope, budget and design layout.

Community design advocates role: Similar to step 3.

Step 7: Secondary Partner Development Feb. 2025 to March 2026

The project team will synthesize all the great community work into realistic schematic plans, budgets, and coordinate logistics with district partners to produce ballots for the final community vote.

Step 8: Final Community Voting April to May 2026

A project expo will be a fun opportunity for community members to see the final selection of projects and start the voting phase. Voting opportunities will also be available via tabling at local events and online.

Community design advocates role: Let your communities know, distribute voting materials, invite your community to voting events.

Step 9: Metro Council Vote June or July 2026

The projects with the most votes will be formally presented to the Metro Council, and the council will vote on whether to fund the projects or not. In the Community Choice Grants pilot round, all the projects presented to the Metro Council were approved.

If you picnic at Blue Lake or take your kids to the Oregon Zoo, enjoy symphonies at the Schnitz or auto shows at the convention center, put out your trash or drive your car – we’ve already crossed paths.

So, hello. We’re Metro – nice to meet you.

In a metropolitan area as big as Portland, we can do a lot of things better together. Join us to help the region prepare for a happy, healthy future.

Join the team and amplify the voice of your community!

Connect with Katherine Marple, our community design advocate program lead

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What are the program’s goals?

Community voice is an integral part of the design of every city and neighborhood. The community design advocate program is created to deepen this project’s connection and responsiveness to the communities that rely on our area’s outdoor spaces in Clackamas County neighborhoods.

The program aims to efficiently and respectfully assure that communities who are least likely to participate and/or most historically unrepresented in governmental processes are able to participate. Because community design advocates are trusted members of their communities who share the lived experience of the people the projects are for:

- Community design advocates know the best methods for reaching their community, are able to spread the word and encourage people to participate who might otherwise not, and are able to share with the project team on how to make the process more accessible for their community.
- Community design advocate are valuable project team experts in how relationships between residents, natural resources, and neighborhood conditions, and politics impact the project. They inform and collaborate with the project team on how to adjust the process if needed.

Your voice can make a difference!

Community design advocates played a vital role in the Community Choice Grants pilot round.

The community design advocates were the reason certain community groups – such as the Indigenous population and the Black community – felt safe to participate in a space where they would be heard. There were multiple project ideas submitted by these groups that made it to the final (and Council approved!) vote. Thanks to our community design advocates, the process was made more accessible for folks with various abilities - we had screen readers, accessible locations, interpreters, and activities with various ways to engage and share ideas. The community design advocates even had an opportunity to speak at the Metro Council meeting in support of approving the projects.



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** April 14, 2025
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 4.a. - 2025 Oregon Cancer Action Day - SB 702

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Desi Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Justin Evers, Myles Kinney, and Sydney McFarland attended the 2025 Oregon Cancer Action Day with the American Cancer Society at the State Capitol on April 1, 2025. The members of the Youth Advisory Commission attended 8 meetings with local Oregon State legislators and their staff to lobby for [SB 702](#).

A work session for SB 702 was initially scheduled for April 1, 2025, but has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025. You can track the progress of SB 702 by clicking on the link below:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB702>



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** April 14, 2025
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 6.d. – March Staff Report

1. Honorary Page Program

The [Honorary Page Program](#) is steeped in history and allows students to get a first-hand look at the legislative process, meet their elected representatives, tour the building, work on the Floor of the House of Representatives or Senate, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

The Page Program offers both 6-hour and weeklong options. Representative Hartman's Office has asked me to pass this information along to the Youth Advisory Commissioners again. Please let me know if you are interested in applying!

2. Email Communications

Please remember that Hannah Schmidt MUST be cc'd on any email communications that you have with non-members of the Youth Advisory Commission regarding subjects pertaining to this commission. Hannah Schmidt's email is hschmidt@orc.org. This is to guarantee clear communication and ensure your safety as a minor.

All email communications can be made from your personal emails. If you are not comfortable with communicating with your personal email or wish to create a separate email for Youth Advisory Commission purposes, you are more than welcome to do so, but you must ensure that email does not have any official city affiliation. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

3. Upcoming Youth Advisory Commission Events

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Youth Advisory Commission Special Meetings/Events. I expect you to come to the meeting prepared to confirm/deny your attendance at the following events:

"If I Were Mayor..." Contest Winners Announced

The local winners of the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest will be announced at the City Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Please pay attention to the details below:

Date: Wednesday, April 16

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Robert Libke Public Safety Building
1234, Linn Ave
Oregon City, OR

Last year's Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) members attended the ceremony to help congratulate the winners of the contest and the YAC Chair helped the Mayor present awards to the winning students. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly encouraged. I would encourage the Chair of the YAC to attend the ceremony to aid the Mayor in awarding the students. If the Chair is not available, then the Vice Chair (or another selected member) should take on this responsibility.

Native Planting at Abernethy Park

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council has invited the Youth Advisory Commission to participate in a native pollinator planting at Abernethy Creek Park after school, on April 18, 2025. Please pay attention to the details below:

Date: Friday, April 18

Time: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: Abernethy Creek Park
1615 John Adams Street
Oregon City, OR

***Members must have their parent/guardian sign the attached Greater Oregon City Watershed waiver in order to participate in the event.**

Members will aid in plotting and planting a variety of native pollinator plants in celebration of Earth Month. Members will become better educated on the importance of native pollinators and how certain plant species can benefit the natural and lived environment. Each member who attends will also have the opportunity to take home a plant of their own!

Suicide Prevention App Listening Session

In partnership with the Clackamas Education Service District, the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County's Youth and Young Adult Action Team is creating a smartphone app to share information and resources regarding youth suicide prevention. The Youth Advisory Commission has been invited to participate in a 90-minute listening session to provide feedback on the app's content, design, accessibility, and name. A Youth Advisory Commission Special Meeting has been scheduled to allow for YAC to participate in a listening session. Please pay attention to the details below:

Date: Monday, April 21

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Oregon City Hall
Commission Chambers
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR

4. Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

LoveOne

- Oregon City Brax Laundry & Shower Event – Wednesday, April 9, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 - For more information about the event, including access to sign up to volunteer, visit the link: <https://www.loveone.org/events/loveone-laundry-events-oregon-city-brax-laundry-2025-04-09-18-00>
- Oregon City Brax Laundry & Shower Event – Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 - For more information about the event, including access to sign up to volunteer, visit the link: <https://www.loveone.org/events/loveone-laundry-events-oregon-city-brax-laundry-2025-04-23-18-00>



Greater Oregon City Watershed Council

500 Abernethy Rd, #201 Oregon City, OR 97045

www.gocwc.org

VOLUNTEER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Waiver") IS A LEGALLY BINDING EXPRESS STATEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. Please read this Waiver in its entirety, fill in all blanks and place your initials before each paragraph prior to signing. By signing this Waiver, you represent and warrant that you are either over 18 years old or are the legal guardian of the Volunteer who is under the age of 18 who has signed this Waiver below ("Minor Volunteer") and may grant this waiver on his or her behalf.

In consideration of my or the Minor Participant's being permitted to volunteer with the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council's environmental enhancement events, including, but not limited to, any and all training, cutting vegetation, pruning tree limbs, collecting litter, and transporting debris (collectively, the "Activities"), I agree to the following terms and conditions on my own behalf and the Minor Volunteer's behalf, as applicable:

___ 1. I acknowledge, represent and warrant that (a) I have no physical limitations, conditions or disabilities of any kind whatsoever that would inhibit me from participating in the Activities; (b) I am in good mental and physical health and sufficiently fit both mentally and physically for participation in the Activities, (c) I recognize that the Activities involve physical labor and that if the labor becomes too difficult I will change to a different task, and (d) that I am not under the influence of alcohol or any drugs. If I am taking prescribed medication, I acknowledge, represent and warrant that I have seen a physician and have that physician's approval to participate in the Activities while under the influence of such medication.

_____ 2. I agree to follow all rules, procedures and instructions discussed with or provided to me by the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council staff, including all such rules, procedures and instructions about my safety and the safety of others during the Activities.

_____ 3. I hereby forever release, waive, hold harmless, and discharge the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council, related companies, current and former agents, partners, officers, members, managers, directors, insurers, attorneys, employees, volunteers, representatives, and assigns

(collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action and liabilities (together "Claims") arising from or relating to my participation in the Activities, whether known or unknown to me at the time of my participation in the Activities, and including, without limitation, any such Claims resulting from passive or active negligence of the Releasees or from some other cause and any Claims for bodily injury, property damage or death.

_____ 4. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACTIVITIES ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND THAT I COULD BE RISKING SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES AND THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY. I KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE THESE AND ALL OTHER RISKS THAT ARE INHERENT IN MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES AND I HEREBY PERSONALLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, WHETHER FORESEEABLE OR UNFORESEEABLE, AND KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

_____ 5. I hereby agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all Claims, and any and all costs, losses, expenses, and damages, including all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, incurred, brought, or threatened against the Releasees in connection with my participation in the Activities.

_____ 6. I hereby agree not to sue or institute any Claim against the Releasees in connection with my participation in the Activities or any matters released or rights waived in this Waiver.

_____ 7. I agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state of Oregon. I agree that if any clause or provision of this Waiver shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Waiver, which shall continue to be enforceable and the parties specifically direct any such court to amend or revise this agreement so that the intention of the parties to eliminate or reduce the liability of the Releasees is realized to the extent legally permissible.

_____ 8. I understand that the Releasees do not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for me. Further, I hereby affirm that I carry and maintain medical insurance for my own benefit.

_____ 9. I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER COMPLETELY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING MY RIGHT TO SUE. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM SIGNING THIS WAIVER FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. I understand that the Releasees are relying on this Waiver, and I agree to be legally bound by this Waiver. This Waiver shall be binding upon my spouse, children, heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. In entering this agreement, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations regarding the substance of this Waiver made by the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council other than what is set forth in this Waiver.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Printed Name

Legal Guardian of Minor Participant's Signature

Legal Guardian of Minor Participant's Printed
Name

Date:

Phone:

Address:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Consent for Release of Photographs

I hereby give permission to Greater Oregon City Watershed Council (GOCWC) to release my photograph and video images, and audio voice recordings for use in local and regional media, GOCWC publication ,GOCWC newsletters, websites, electronic and social media, and for marketing, fundraising and publicity purposes.

I understand I will receive no compensation and that this permission is binding

Participant'or Guardian Signature

Participant or Guardian Printed Name



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

131 Park Dr, Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Julian Guerra Molina at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: 12

Desiree Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, Max Bishop, Myles Kinney, Sofia Weis, Sydney McFarland, Commissioner Scott Wilson, and Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist*

EXCUSED: *Melanie Gabriel, Cole Solai, Jack Solari, and Commissioner Adam Marl.*

ABSENT: *None*

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Tom Kissinger discussed the youth programming available through the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department and provided a tour of Rivercrest Park. Deputy Director Kissinger addressed questions from the members and acknowledged that Parks and Recreation lacks programming catered toward teens and young adults.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: _____



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:15 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Julian Guerra Molina at 7:17 p.m.

PRESENT:

Desiree Hanson, Elijah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, Max Bishop, Myles Kinney, Sofia Weis, Sydney McFarland, Commissioner Scott Wilson, and Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist*

EXCUSED: *Melanie Gabriel, Cole Solai, Jack Solari, and Commissioner Adam Marl.*

ABSENT: *None*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Desiree Hanson, Cole Solari, Gaby Rysdam, and Elijah McFarland attended the Spring Forward Community Resource Fair. Cole Solari reported that it was a great networking opportunity, allowing them to meet new groups and reconnect with familiar ones like Second Home. He mentioned that a few organizations expressed interest in collaborating with the Youth Advisory Commission.

Hannah Schmidt provided additional information about the Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants program from Metro, who connected with the Youth Advisory Commission at the event. She explained that Metro wanted to schedule a 30-minute virtual call with the Youth Advisory Commission to discuss evaluating existing projects in Clackamas County.

Desiree Hanson moved to invite Metro representatives to the beginning of the April Youth Advisory Commission meeting for a 30-minute presentation. Elijah McFarland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Hannah Schmidt provided details about the 2025 Oregon Cancer Action Day scheduled for April 1st. She explained that members would need to submit two permission slips - one for the City of Oregon City and another for the American Cancer Society. The event would include presentations, meetings with representatives, and lobbying opportunities focused on Senate Bill 702. Hannah emphasized the importance of registering for the event and submitting permission slips promptly. She also mentioned a pre-event virtual training on March 25th from 5 to 7 PM. Several members expressed interest in attending, and Hannah agreed to provide more time for permission slip submission.
- c. The Commission discussed the "If I Were Mayor" contest and whether Youth Advisory Commission members should participate. After deliberation, it was decided that members could participate but would need to remain anonymous in their submissions. The commission also agreed that if a member submitted an entry, they should recuse themselves from judging that specific category. Myles Kinney moved that Youth Advisory Commission members be allowed to participate in the multimedia category of the "If I Were Mayor" contest, and if a person does not believe they can remain unbiased, they can recuse themselves from judging the multimedia category for the contest. Sofia Weis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hannah Schmidt explained that she would share the submitted entries through a OneDrive folder, with all submissions made anonymous.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Julian Guerra Molina expressed interest in expanding focus to the county level for receiving support in banning the sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products.
- b. Max Bishop reported that Hannah Schmidt had provided contact information for various organizations working on youth houselessness. The group is planning to reach out to these contacts for further collaboration.
- c. Justin Evers announced that the working group had scheduled a meeting for March 24 to revise their letter. They also discussed potentially collaborating with organization Vote 16, which lobbies at the state level for lowering the voting age.
- d. The group discussed the cost of youth sports in Oregon City and the need for more youth-focused recreational facilities. They emphasized the importance of involving youth perspectives in parks and recreation development, noting that many current facilities cater more to younger children or adults rather than teenagers.
- e. This item was not discussed due to Jack Solari's absence.

f. Hannah Schmidt provided several updates:

1. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council requested Youth Advisory Commission participation in a native wildflower planting event.
2. Hannah Schmidt will be tracking community engagement events for commission members.
3. The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County sought feedback on a new smartphone app for youth suicide prevention.

Hannah Schmidt agreed to send out surveys to gauge interest and availability for these opportunities.

g. Commission Liaison Report

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Myles Kinney moved to amend the minutes to fix Gaby's name to have one 'b' instead of two. Justin Evers seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Justin Evers moved to approve the minutes as amended. Myles Kinney seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: _____



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, March 31, 2025 at 7:15 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Myles Kinney at 7:19 p.m.

PRESENT: 12

Cole Solari, Desiree Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Jack Solari, Justin Evers, Max Bishop, Melanie Gabriel, Myles Kinney, Commissioner Scott Wilson, and Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist*

EXCUSED: *Julian Guerra Molina, Sofia Weis, Sydney McFarland, and Commissioner Adam Marl.*

ABSENT: *None*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Poster Judging

The commission allocated 25-30 minutes for poster judging. Hannah Schmidt provided instructions on how to evaluate the posters using rubrics and sticky notes. Commissioners were asked to place tick marks on their top three choices. Melanie, participating remotely, was instructed to provide her top three choices verbally.

After the judging period, Hannah announced the results:

- Poster #6 received 6 votes
- Poster #13 received 10 votes
- Posters #19 and #22 each received 5 votes

The commission unanimously agreed that poster #13 would be the chosen winner for the poster contest.

Essay Judging

Justin Evers recused from voting in the essay contest due to conflict of interest. The commission proceeded to judge the essays. Hannah distributed essays to each commissioner and provided rubrics for grading. Some commissioners raised concerns about potential AI-generated content in essay #11.

Elyjah McFarland moved to disqualify entry #11 for possible use of AI. Gaby Rysdam seconded the motion. The vote resulted in 6 members voting in favor of the motion and 3 abstaining. The motion passed.

Jack Solari moved to vote for the winner of the essay contest between #6 and #1. Justin Evers seconded the motion. The vote resulted in 4 votes for essay #6 and 5 votes for essay #1. Essay #1 was declared the winner of the essay contest.

Multimedia Judging

Jack Solari and Justin Evers recused their vote to judge the multimedia contest due to conflict of interest and left the Commission Chambers.

The commission viewed and discussed the single multimedia submission. After evaluation, the group unanimously approved the multimedia piece as the winner in its category.

Prize Allocation

Jack Solari and Justin Evers remained outside of the Commission Chambers and recused their vote for this section of the meeting due to conflict of interest.

The commission discussed and voted on prize allocation for the different categories:

Cole Solari moved to allocate prizes as follows: \$75 for multimedia, \$75 for essay, \$50 for first place poster, and \$25 each for second and third place posters. Elyjah McFarland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

For the second-place poster, the commission unanimously agreed that poster #6 would be awarded second place. Elyjah McFarland moved to vote between #22 and #19 for taking third place. Desi Hanson seconded the motion. Poster #22 received 6 votes and poster #19 received 4 votes. Poster #22 was declared the third-place poster winner in the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Hannah Schmidt provided information on upcoming events:

1. The "If I Were Mayor" contest winners will be announced at the City Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 16th.

2. Native planting at Abernathy Park on Friday, April 18th from 4 to 6 PM.
Hannah emphasized the importance of commitment and preparation for such events.
3. Suicide prevention app listening session on Monday, April 21st from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Hannah Schmidt stressed the importance of reading meeting packets beforehand and being prepared to confirm attendance for events. She also reminded commissioners about their commitment to community service hours as part of their roles.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Myles Kinney adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt

Date Approved: _____