



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, May 12, 2025 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@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. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Clackamas County Elections - Catherine McMullen, Office of the County Clerk

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Oregon City High School Mascot

5. 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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 14, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
- b. April 21, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission Special Meeting Minutes

7. 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.

ADA NOTICE

The location is ADA accessible. Hearing devices may be requested from the City Recorder prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring other assistance must make their request known 48 hours preceding the meeting by contacting the City Recorder's Office at 503-657-0891.

Agenda Posted at City Hall, Pioneer Community Center, Library, City Website.

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

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Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** May 12, 2025
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 5.f. – May Staff Report

1. Gardiner Middle School 8th Grade Recruitment

The Gardiner Middle School principal has replied to my request for the Youth Advisory Commission to conduct recruitment for the 2025-2026 term for their 8th grade students. Members have been invited to attend an 8th grade lunch from 12:29 - 1:01 p.m. to provide a 3-minute speech about the Youth Advisory Commission and then be available for student questions for the remainder of their lunch. Please come to the meeting prepared to indicate which date would work best for you if you are interested in this opportunity:

- Tuesday, May 27
- Thursday, May 29

Members would be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from this event.

2. End of Term Celebration

Elyjah McFarland's family has graciously offered to host an end of the term celebration at their home! Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below to indicate the date that you would be available to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission.

<https://forms.office.com/g/ctAtsW90Ec>

Please note that the McFarland family will be providing burgers at the event, but are requesting that others bring sides and/or drinks for the celebration.

3. Youth Advisory Commission End of Term Report to City Commission

Julian Guerra Molina and Myles Kinney will be presenting the Youth Advisory Commission's accomplishments this term to the City Commission on Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend, but attendance is not mandatory.

4. 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!

5. 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.

6. Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

Art for Every Heart

The Oregon City Arts Commission are sponsoring a contest to illustrate their tagline, *Art For Every Heart*. The contest will run from April 22 – May 21 and is open to Oregon City Students in K-12 grade. Artwork should be original and may be of any medium – painting, photograph, sculpture, or even a song or dance! Artwork should reflect what the tagline *Art for Every Heart* means to the artist. Members of the Oregon City Arts Commission will be the judges of this contest and will offer prizes in 2 categories:

1. Best Visual Representation
1st prize - \$500 | 2nd prize - \$300 | 3rd prize \$200
2. Best Artistic Response
1st prize - \$500 | 2nd prize - \$300 | 3rd prize \$200

Submission can be uploaded from April 22 – May 21 within the Art for Every Heart section of the Oregon City Arts Commission webpage at www.orcity.org/763/Arts-Commission.

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>



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:15 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Julian Guerra Molina at 7:19 p.m.

PRESENT: 12

Justin Evers, Jack Solari, Julian Guerra Molina, Desi Hanson, Sydney McFarland, Hyrum Freestone, Max Bishop, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Scott Wilson, Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt*

EXCUSED: *Cole Solari, Melanie Gabriel, Myles Kinney, and Sofia Weis*

ABSENT: *None*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Jasiel Lopez from Metro presented the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants program which is part of a \$475 million bond approved in 2018. The grants support community-led projects focusing on climate resilience, racial equity, and meaningful engagement. Criteria include creating physical entities owned by local governments and enhancing nature connections, fish and wildlife habitat, and climate resilience. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$250,000 and covers areas within Gladstone, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City, and parts of North Clackamas Parks District. The process features idea collection, design workshops, voting, and project selection. Members were urged to submit ideas, join workshops, and become community advocates, Metro will host idea-generating workshops at the date/time and locations below:

- May 17, 2025
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Gladstone Library
- June 2, 2025
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Milwaukie City Hall

- June 7, 2025
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Oregon City Library

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Members who attended the 2025 Oregon Cancer Action Day participated in eight meetings with legislators on April 1 to advocate for Senate Bill 702. Members shared personal experiences and emphasized the importance of Senate Bill 702. Attendees also conveyed opposing viewpoints expressed by some legislators regarding the bill's potential impact.

5. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

The commission broke out into working groups from 8:18 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The commission discussed recent updates to Senate Bill 702. It was reported that the bill now prohibits the sale of flavored inhalant delivery system products and flavored tobacco products, except in stores licensed by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. The bill also gives more power to local governments to adopt stricter regulations. The commission noted that the bill no longer includes restrictions on smokeless tobacco products like “Zyn”.
- b. The Youth Houselessness working group reported that they are awaiting responses to a survey sent to various organizations. The survey is collecting data on the necessities of houseless youth in the area. Once sufficient data is collected, the group plans to compile a proposal to bring to the Youth Advisory Commission.
- c. The Election Involvement working group has gathered more information and evidence regarding their original proposal. They have scheduled a meeting to create a letter to propose to the Youth Advisory Commission, which would then be sent to the City Commission and potentially the Clackamas Commission.
- d. The Youth Physical and Mental Health working group discussed potential project ideas for the Community Choice Grants program. Ideas included skate parks, community gardens, biking paths, and less hostile architecture in parks. They plan to talk to students at their schools to gather more ideas before the next meeting.

- e. Jack Solari reported on the program's upcoming funding opportunity for youth tobacco prevention projects. He mentioned that the Youth Advisory Commission could potentially apply for funding, with applications due around April 28th. The commission discussed the possibility of applying but noted that there are currently no specific projects that would require funding.
- f. Hannah Schmidt provided staff updates on several items:
 - 1. The Honorary Page Program at the state capitol was discussed with encouragement for interested members to apply.
 - 2. The "If I Were Mayor" contest winners will be announced on Wednesday, April 16th at 7 PM. Commission members were encouraged to attend.
 - 3. A native planting event at Abernathy Park is scheduled for Friday, April 18th from 4-6 PM. Several members confirmed their attendance.
 - 4. The suicide prevention app listening session is scheduled for Monday, April 21st from 7-8:30 PM. Several members confirmed their attendance.
 - 5. The Youth Advisory Commission's last regular meeting for the term is scheduled for June 9th, 2025.
 - 6. Youth Advisory Commission applications will open on May 5 and close on June 27. Hannah Schmidt was directed by the commission to reach out to schools within the Oregon City School District to have current members encourage students to apply for the 2025-2026 term.
 - 7. The commission received information about an "Arts for Hearts" contest organized by the Oregon City Arts Commission.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The commission reviewed the minutes from the March 10 Rivercrest Tour, March 10 meeting, and March 31 meeting. Commissioner Marl pointed out that Cole Solari's name was misspelled in the March 10 meeting minutes and the adjournment time needed to be amended to 8:55 p.m. instead of 6:55 p.m. Justin Evers moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jack Solari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Julian Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 9:19 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, April 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Julian Guerra Molina at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: 14

Cole Solari, Desi Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Jack Solari, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, Max Bishop, Melanie Gabriel, Myles Kinney, Sydney McFarland, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Scott Wilson.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt*

EXCUSED: *None*

ABSENT: *Sofia Weis*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Carlos Benson Martinez, Youth Housing Program Planner with Clackamas County Housing and Community Development and steering committee member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County, and Kamryn Brown, Program Planner with Clackamas County Public Health, presented the Suicide Prevention App to the commission.

The app was developed by the Youth and Young Adult Action Team of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County. The app supports youth mental health and provides resources in Clackamas County for both youth and parents/adults. Kamryn detailed the review process: commission members evaluated seven app sections, providing feedback on aspects like content and usability. Key discussion points were the need for quick access to crisis resources, improved organization catering to distinct user groups (youth, parents, educators), engagement strategies for youth, inclusion of additional resources, and language accessibility. The presenters thanked the commission for their feedback and mentioned that they would consider the suggestions for improving the app. They also invited the members to vote on potential names for the app before leaving the meeting.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Hannah Schmidt briefly updated the Youth Advisory Commission on upcoming meetings and next year's recruitment, noting only two meetings remain for the 2024-2025 term. She plans to contact schools for recruitment and urged current members to assess their priorities. While hoping all members would return, she acknowledged that personal commitments may lead some to step down, stressing the value of informed decisions about participation.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Julian Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: _____