



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Hall Mt. Hood Room, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, January 12, 2026 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)
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Review of YAC Bylaws and OCMC 2.62
- b. 2026 Oregon Legislative Short Session
- c. If I Were Mayor Contest
- d. Spring Forward Community Resource Fair

4. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Youth Nicotine Addiction Working Group
- b. Youth Houselessness Working Group
- c. Environmental Working Group
- d. Education Accessibility Working Group
- e. Staff Liasion Report

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. December 8, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission 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.

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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** January 12, 2026
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 3.a. – Review of YAC Bylaws and OCMC 2.62

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws and Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter (OCMC) 2.62 are attached for your review. Please come to the meeting prepared to address any questions you may have. If you have specific questions regarding your responsibilities or attendance, please reach out to Hannah Schmidt directly at hschmidt@orc.org.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws were last amended at the end of the 2024-2025 term on June 9, 2025. The Youth Advisory Commission chapter of the OCMC was last amended through Ordinance No. 25-1011, which expanded eligibility for Youth Advisory Commission members to include more members who reside within city limits but do not attend a high school within city limits. The ordinance was first presented to the City Commission on August 20, 2025, and was effective beginning October 3, 2025.

Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws

Last amended June 9, 2025

1. Creation

- a. The Oregon City Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was established under Ordinance No. 22-1006 and subsequently modified by Ordinance No. 23-1003.
- b. The purpose of the YAC is to “provide local students a voice in their municipal government, build an understanding of governance and leadership and to provide opportunities to engage and serve the community. The Youth Advisory Commission shall be guided by the belief that local involvement at a young age is crucial to ensuring a well informed and engaged citizenry in the future and to provide an opportunity for members to become equipped with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to become active contributors in the community now and in the future.” (Ord. No. 24-1006, OCMC 2.62.015)

2. Membership

The Youth Advisory Commission shall consist of at least nine youth members and no more than 15 members. One non-voting City Commissioner to be appointed by the Mayor:

- a. The YAC membership criteria are described in the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) 2.62.020.
- b. The term of service is officially considered from September through June, but the existing YAC members may continue to meet informally from June through September as needed.

3. Officers

- a. The YAC shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson at the beginning of each term. The YAC have the option to elect a secretary who would be responsible for taking meeting minutes at the YAC meetings.
 - i. The staff liaison will be responsible for supplementing the meeting minutes at the YAC meetings to ensure sufficient Minutes are recorded.
- b. The chairperson shall act as the chair of the YAC, unless unavailable. If the chairperson is unavailable, the vice chairperson shall act as chair of YAC meetings.
- c. If an officer submits a resignation from their position of chairperson or vice chairperson, the YAC members may immediately vote to appoint a new officer.
- d. If neither the chairperson nor vice chairperson are present at a certain meeting, the YAC shall select a chair pro tem from the members present.

4. YAC Goals and Updates

- a. The YAC may from time to time adopt goals, work plans, or priorities. These goals must not conflict with the City Commission's goals and budget allocations.
- b. Each year, the YAC chairperson and vice chairperson shall provide an update to the City Commission on the YAC's activities and plans or at other appropriate times.
- c. The YAC shall table at least three community events per session to help promote their goals and events.

5. Date, Time, and Locations of Meetings

- a. Regular meetings of the YAC shall be held on the second Monday of each month from September through June, unless another date is selected for a specific meeting.
- b. Summer meetings of the YAC shall be held on the second Monday of each month, or at a time convenient to enable maximum participation determined by the staff liaison.
- c. Special meetings may be called as needed for tours, activities, or to address other issues that could not be discussed at a regular meeting.
- d. YAC meetings shall be held at 7:00 PM, unless another time is selected for a specific meeting.
- e. YAC meetings shall be typically held at Oregon City – City Hall located at 625 Center St, Oregon City, OR 97045. This rule does not prevent the YAC from meeting at another location for a special purpose or for the convenience of its members.

6. Agendas, Minutes, and Decisions

- a. The staff liaison or designee shall prepare agendas in consultation with the YAC members and City Commission liaison as needed.
- b. Standard YAC agendas shall generally take the following form. Variations from this standard agenda may be utilized as convenient.
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Discussion Items
 - iii. Working Group Break-Out Session
 - iv. Communications
 - v. Minutes
 - vi. Adjournment
- c. Minutes shall be prepared for each meeting which shall contain at least the members present at the meeting, the substance of any discussion, all motions and votes taken, and a reference to any documents discussed at the meeting.
 - i. Minutes shall not be verbatim and contain only a summary of the primary points and arguments raised in the discussion.

- ii. Minutes shall be approved at a subsequent meeting by a vote of the YAC. If amendments are requested by any member of the YAC, those amendments must also be approved by the YAC at the time of adoption. The YAC may request the minutes returned after any amendments are incorporated for further review and approval.
- d. The YAC may make decisions in the following ways:
 - i. Consensus – no vote is taken, but specific issues may be decided leading to a final decision.
 - ii. Acclamation vote – a vote is taken by all members being asked if they favor, are against, or abstain from a decision. In such case as the decision is not unanimous, the YAC shall conduct a roll call vote.
 - iii. Roll Call – Each member’s vote is recorded in the record.
- e. Official Actions - YAC may utilize the following methods of making formal actions (reports, recommendations, requests, recognitions)
 - i. Letters to be signed by the chairperson
 - ii. Approval of the document in question
 - iii. Resolution (possibly incorporating exhibits) – resolutions approved by the YAC shall be titled “YAC Resolution” followed by the four-digit year and an assigned number. (e.g. 2023-01)

7. Accessibility

- a. Meetings of the YAC shall not be broadcast or live streamed online. Remote participation in the meetings shall be provided to the extent required by ORS 192 and existing City resources.
- b. The staff liaison will attempt to accommodate any other accessibility issues as they arise to improve access and participation for all community members.

8. Code of Conduct

Members of the YAC shall be held to the highest standards of citizenship, scholarship and participation.

- a. It is considered inexcusable for YAC members to have ANY unexcused absences and may have no more than 3 excused absences. An absence shall be considered excused provided advanced notice of 24 hours is provided to the chairperson and staff liaison or is determined to be excused by the chairperson and staff liaison.
- b. Absences may be made up for by attending a City of Oregon City commission, advisory board, or committee meeting within 30 days of the absence.
- c. Members shall remain in good standing at their school by maintaining passing grades and abiding by the school code of conduct.
- d. Violations of the code of conduct and expectations of this section shall be reviewed by the member, chairperson, vice chairperson, City Commission

liaison, staff liaison and the Mayor with a goal of improving the performance and participation of the member.

- e. The Mayor shall have the sole discretion to determine if a member shall be removed from the YAC.
- f. YAC members may speak with the staff liaison or the City Commission liaison if a member has any questions or concerns with the Code of Conduct.

9. Interpretation and Authority

- a. Any issues not addressed by these bylaws shall be resolved by considering City policies, the OCMC, the board and committee orientation manual, other pertinent documents or policies, or the Robert's Rules of Order.
- b. These bylaws shall not be interpreted to supersede and are subordinate to any prior or subsequently adopted changes to documents referenced in Section 9(a) above.

10. Revisions to the Bylaws

The YAC shall review their bylaws at the first meeting of every term and the fifth meeting of every term to ensure that all members are made aware of expectations and processes. From time to time, the YAC may recommend changes to its bylaws.

Chapter 2.62 – Youth Advisory Commission

2.62.010 – Created.

There is created a Youth Advisory Commission for the City of Oregon City having the duties and responsibilities provided in this chapter.

2.62.015 – Purpose.

The Oregon City Youth Advisory Commission is created to provide local students a voice in their municipal government, build an understanding of governance and leadership and to provide opportunities to engage and serve the community. The Youth Advisory Commission shall be guided by the belief that local involvement at a young age is crucial to ensuring a well- informed and engaged citizenry in the future and to provide an opportunity for members to become equipped with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to become active contributors in the community now and in the future.

2.62.020 – Membership.

The Youth Advisory Commission shall consist of at least nine youth members and one non-voting City Commissioner to be appointed by the Mayor:

- A. Members of the Youth Advisory Commission shall be high school students at the time of swearing in and shall reside within the city limits of Oregon City or attend a school within Oregon City limits.
 - The majority of members must live within Oregon City limits, while the remaining members must be enrolled in a high school located within the city limits.
- B. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor, at their sole discretion, for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.
 - A vacancy can be filled by the discretion of the Mayor but must be filled if the total number of Youth Advisory Commission members drops below nine.
- C. The term of service shall be considered from September through June and there are no term limits.
- D. Appointed Youth Advisory Commission members may be re-appointed for a second term without an interview at the discretion of the Mayor. A Youth Advisory Commission member must participate in a recommitment interview with the Mayor after serving two consecutive terms.
- E. The chairperson, vice chairperson and all new members shall be sworn in at the first regular meeting of the term by the Youth Advisory Commission's City Commission liaison.

2.62.030 – Election of officers.

The Youth Advisory Commission, at the beginning of each term, shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall hold the positions for one term of service. The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall be a junior or senior in high school.

2.62.040 – Chairperson

The chairperson is responsible for running the Youth Advisory Commission meetings, assigning tasks and working with the staff to set the upcoming agendas.

2.62.050 – Vice Chairperson.

The vice chairperson is responsible for taking meeting minutes and providing financial updates as applicable. The vice chairperson shall serve as chair during Youth Advisory Commission meetings in the event of the chairperson's absence.

2.62.060 – Quorum and Meetings.

- A. A majority of appointed members shall constitute a quorum.
- B. If a quorum is present, all matters shall be decided by a vote of the majority present.
- C. The Youth Advisory Commission shall meet at least once a month.
- D. All meetings shall be open to the public and public meeting laws shall apply.

2.62.070 – Youth Advisory Commission Member Responsibilities.

- A. Review and prepare strategies addressing issues of interest to students in the greater Oregon City community, including topics such as drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, driver safety or any other topic determined to be of importance by the Youth Advisory Commission.
- B. Members shall participate in an annual goal alignment session at the beginning of each term.
- C. Members shall be responsible for completing tasks and projects as assigned.
- D. Individual members of the Youth Advisory Commission shall attend at least three community service events per term.
- E. The Youth Advisory Commission shall organize a minimum of one community event or project to engage the larger Oregon City youth community per term.
- F. The Youth Advisory Commission shall prepare an annual report at the end of the term to present to the City Commission detailing the accomplishments, challenges, areas for improvement and goals for the future.

2.62.080 – Code of Conduct and Expectations

Members of the Youth Advisory Commission shall be held to the highest standards of citizenship, scholarship and participation. The Code of Conduct details shall be stipulated in the Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws.

2.62.091 – Expenditures

The Youth Advisory Commission shall have no authority to make any expenditure on behalf of the City or to obligate the City for payment of any sums of money unless the City Manager or City Commission, as appropriate, authorizes such expenditure.



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** January 12, 2026
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 3.b. – 2026 Oregon Legislative Short Session

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2026 Oregon Legislative Short Session begins on February 2 and may last up to 35 days. Members should discuss whether they would like a State Capitol trip to be scheduled just before or during the Oregon Legislative short session to communicate their top priorities to their Legislators. Please click the link below to be directed to the Oregon State Legislative Calendar and come to the meeting prepared to select a date if you are interested in a visit.

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/calendar>

BACKGROUND:

Last term The Youth Advisory Commission visited the State Capitol twice – once to attend the 2025 Youth Summit that was held in conjunction with League of Oregon Cities Day and the other was to lobby for SB 702 with the American Cancer Society. A State Capitol trip is not required of the Youth Advisory Commission, but it has been a topic of discussion at past meetings, so staff is seeking input on how the group would like to move forward.



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** January 12, 2026
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 4.a. – If I Were Mayor... Contest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The following organizations have been reached out to via email/other outreach methods regarding the “If I Were Mayor...” Contest. The organizations in green text have responded to inquiries.

- Redland Elementary School Principal
- John McLoughlin Elementary School Principal
- Oregon City Community Education (Jennings Lodge) K5 Coordinator
- Gaffney Lane Elementary Principal
- Holcomb Elementary Principal
- Candy Lane Elementary Principal
- Beavercreek Elementary Principal
- Gardiner Middle School Principal
- Tumwata Middle School Principal
- Oregon City High School Principal and Social Studies Department
- Spring Water Environmental Science School Principal
- [Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Social Media Specialist](#)
- Alliance Charter Academy Executive Director
- Oregon City Service Learning Academy Principal
- North Clackamas Christian High School Dean of Students
- Marylhurst School Head of School
- St. John the Apostle Catholic School Secretary
- Oregon City Day School Director
- [Oregon City Homeschoolers Facebook Page](#)

The contest has also been advertised on the City Hall Facebook and Instagram as well as through the Oregon City School Districts PeachJar. Please reach out to me if you need copies of the attached flyer for distribution.

BACKGROUND:

The City's "[If I Were Mayor...](#)" Contest webpage has been updated with relevant information and resources.

Last year, the local contest winners were awarded the following prizes:

- Digital Media Category

1st place winner received \$100 gift card prize

- Essay Category

1st place winner received \$75 gift card prize

- Poster Category

1st place winner received \$75 gift card prize

2nd place winner received \$50 gift card prize

3rd place winner received \$25 gift card prize

To view the local contestant winners from previous years, please visit the links below:

- <https://www.orcity.org/3378/2025-If-I-Were-Mayor-Contest-Winners>
- <https://www.orcity.org/3182/2024-If-I-Were-Mayor-Contest-Winners>



2026 IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST

What would you do
as Mayor?

WIN
UP TO
\$100



POSTER CONTEST

- For elementary school students (grades 4-5)
- Students create an original poster



ESSAY CONTEST

- For middle school students (grades 6-8)
- Students write a 500-1,000 word essay



MULTI MEDIA PRESENTATION

- For high school students (grades 9-12)
- Students create a 1-3 minute digital media presentation

**ENTRY
DEADLINE:
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Students must live in Oregon City or attend a school within Oregon City School District. Scan the QR code for details on how to apply or visit www.orcity.org/if-i-were-mayor





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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** January 12, 2026
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 3.d. - Spring Forward Community Resource Fair

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Youth Advisory Commission support the general City table this year and designate members to lead the development of YAC brochures and pamphlets to help promote their work/If I Were Mayor contest.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Oregon City is hosting the annual Spring Forward Community Resource Fair on March 7, 2026. This event is designed to serve people of all ages, offering a variety of services that cater to everyone from youth to seniors. The City invites non-profit, government, and community-based organizations to apply to participate as a vendor in the event. This is an opportunity for local organizations to share information about environmental initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and community resources, helping the public stay engaged and informed throughout the spring season.

Interested organizations can submit a vendor application online at <https://www.orcity.org/FormCenter/Communications-15/Spring-Forward-Community-Resource-Fair-V-131>

Vendor applications will close at 11:59 p.m. on February 6.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Advisory Commission has created promotional material about their commission and advertised their work at the Spring Forward Community Resource Fair

OPTIONS:

1. Designate a member to submit a vendor application and request that the Youth Advisory Commission host a table at the event.
2. Assit with the event behind the scenes and promote the Youth Advisory Commission outreach material at the general City table.
3. Do not participate in the 2026 Spring Forward Community Resource Fair and select a separate event for the Youth Advisory Commission to host a table/booth to advertise their purpose and work for the term.



MARCH

7

10 AM
- 2 PM

PIONEER
COMMUNITY CENTER

Learn. Connect. Get Involved.

Join us for a FREE, family-friendly community event.

- 30+ local vendors
- Tote bags for the first 100 attendees
- Raffle prizes
- Craft activities
- Resources for all ages



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

Hanlon Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility
1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:15 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Justin Evers called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT: 15

Bettie Chappell, Cole Solari, Donald Bredehoeft, Elyjah McFarland, Emma Artman, Evan Conley, Hadley Taylor, Hyrum Freestone, Justin Evers, Max Bishop, McKenzie Gilmore, Myles Kinney, Sydney McFarland, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Scott Wilson, and Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist and Scott Archer, Parks and Recreation Director.*

EXCUSED: Gabby Rysdam and Jack Solari.

ABSENT: *None.*

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Scott Archer, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked the Youth Advisory Commission for their service and presented information on the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He explained his role overseeing parks, recreation activities, events, senior services, and aquatic facilities in Oregon City. Archer detailed that the Parks Master Plan was started in 2022 and was adopted by the City Commission in June 2025 after extensive public engagement. The plan serves as a roadmap for the future of Oregon City's parks and recreation services over the next 20-30 years.

Key findings from the master plan included:

- Oregon City's population is aging, with residents older than the national median age
- Funding challenges limit implementation of all desired community improvements
- Better marketing of parks and recreation offerings is needed, particularly to youth

Community priorities identified in the plan included:

- Trails and water access

- Outdoor amphitheaters and indoor walking/jogging tracks
- Large community parks and small neighborhood parks
- Dog parks and skate parks
- Farmer's markets and community events
- Adult and senior fitness programs
- Nature camps and swim lessons

Archer outlined upcoming projects including improvements to Rivercrest Park, a new dog park at Wesley Lynn Park, trails at Singer Creek Park, new bathrooms at Hillandale Park, improvements at Park Place Park, and an inclusive playground at Chapin Park. Larger investments included redesigning Clackamas Park, exploring a combined aquatic center and recreation facility (estimated to cost at least \$40 million), and updating the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Archer invited youth involvement through:

- Applying for an open youth position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Participating in community outreach and feedback processes
- Attending public meetings and providing input

During the Q&A session, commissioners asked about:

- Car shows in Oregon City (not managed directly by Parks and Recreation)
- The future of the current pool facility if a new aquatic center is built (decisions pending)
- Funding challenges for a recreation center (similar to Happy Valley's rejected proposal)
- Accessibility improvements for parks and facilities
- Community garden opportunities

- b. Kamryn Brown, Program Planner with Clackamas County Public Health and Carlos Benson Martinez, Youth Housing Program Planner presented updates on the Compass to Connection app, which they had previously discussed with the Youth Advisory Commission.

They provided background on the app's development, explaining that it grew out of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County, which was established in 2018 following a cluster of youth suicides. The coalition developed a strategic plan with input from diverse community members including youth, families, teachers, and healthcare providers.

The Compass to Connection app was created to:

- Increase awareness of how to identify struggling peers
- Improve knowledge about suicide warning signs and prevention
- Provide resources for youth, parents, and caregivers

The presenters explained that based on the Youth Advisory Commission's previous feedback, they had made several improvements to the app, including:

- Making the wording less text-heavy and more youth-friendly
- Adding more pictures and positive messaging
- Restructuring the app's organization for better flow
- Embedding articles directly in the app rather than linking to external sites

The app includes crisis resources at the county, regional, and national levels, including specific resources for LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, and youth with disabilities. The presenters noted that they are working on adding translations to make the app more accessible beyond just English.

Commissioners provided additional feedback, suggesting:

- Adding a dark mode option for users who find bright screens jarring, especially during emotional distress
- Integrating the app with school Chromebook resources ("My Backpack")
- Researching color schemes for emotional impact

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Commission reviewed plans for the "If I Were Mayor..." contest. Hannah presented a flyer created by Jack and solicited feedback. She explained that the flyer would be distributed through the city website, social media, Peach Jar, and directly to social studies teachers.

Hannah noted the following details about the contest:

- The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 15, 2026
- The Youth Advisory Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7:15 PM to judge the poster and essay entries
- Staff will review essays and provide the top 5 to the commission for final judging
- Staff will also review multimedia presentations
- Cash prizes will be awarded:
 - \$100 for digital media 1st place
 - \$75 for essay first place
 - 150 for poster category
 - \$75 for 1st place
 - \$50 for 2nd place
 - \$25 for third place

Hannah Schmidt asked Commissioners to reach out individually if they were interested in helping with school outreach opportunities, noting that school attendance remained the highest priority.

5. **WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION**

The Commission recessed at approximately 8:15 PM for breakout sessions and reconvened at 9:00 PM.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Youth Nicotine Addiction Working Group:** The working group presented a list of negative impacts of nicotine, including loss of friends, health risks, nicotine poisoning, safety concerns, addiction difficulties, expense, false high sensations, and impacts on others.
- b. **Youth Houselessness Working Group:** The working group reported they had been compiling a list of organizations to connect with and were sending emails to set up tours and meetings. They noted they had received some replies already and would seek Hannah's assistance for additional connections if needed.
- c. **Environmental Working Group:** The working group discussed drafting an email to PGE regarding the Clackamas County watershed and youth involvement in keeping it clean. They expressed excitement about Scott Archer's positive response to their community garden idea and planned to follow up with him. The group also discussed creating "pipelines" for youth volunteer opportunities and reaching out to Metro about youth involvement.
- d. **Education Accessibility Working Group:** The working group divided their focus into accessibility and inclusivity of education. For inclusivity, they planned to clarify what colleges expect from applicants, improve student attendance, and advocate for more college prep classes. For accessibility, they intended to reach out to Scott Archer about improving accessibility in parks and recreational activities.
- e. **Staff Liaison Report:** Hannah reminded Commissioners about the attendance policy, noting that those with more than three excused absences would be out of compliance. She highlighted the Oregon City Swimming Pool's 60th birthday celebration on January 24th and invited Commissioners to submit their pool memories and photos. Schmidt also mentioned that Youth Advisory Commission T-shirts would be available at the next meeting.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Myles Kinney moved to approve the November 10, 2025, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes. Jack Solari seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Justin Evers adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: _____