



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION 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: 4/14/2025