

**AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION**  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
AMC, Aurora Room, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, 80012

**MINUTES**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Spencer Scheef, Dhruv Shrivastava, Vinay Malik, Angela Guardado, Joe Lewis, Joseph Soto, Lukas Keller, Caleb Garvis, Josephine Stockton, Jhostin Perez, Madison Dragon, Kristina Lance, Kris Kerr, Beck Varcoe, Zeru Christian, Jamie Nichols and Taniya Mills.
- Commissioners absent: Mitali Desai, Kevin Duncan, Behta Christian (excused)
- City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.
- Guests: Caleb Weiss, adult applicant, Natalie Perez, youth applicant, Gabi Gomez, Segen Tekle with Aurora Youth Options, Omar Montgomery, candidate for Mayor, Ryan Frasier, candidate for Mayor.
- III. Spencer moved to adopt the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Madison. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Joe moved to approve the March minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
- a) Chair Report – The Officers shared the final draft of their annual presentation to City Council Policy Committee. Chair Shrivastava announced the Scholarship Selection Committee will award Lukas Keller the 2019 AYC Scholarship of \$100. Kristina noted Lukas has been very involved and participatory at meetings and events. The scholarship, in the form of a gift card, will be given at the May meeting.
- b) Treasurer Report – Chair Shrivastava stated the budget is \$1,162.32.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Guest speakers Gabi Gomez and Segen Tekle with Aurora Youth Options (AYO) presented on the many resources and services they offer to youth in Aurora, most of which are free of charge. AYO is currently seeking male mentors 21 years of age and older. Chair Shrivastava asked if there were any ways AYC could assist them as a group. Segen Tekle noted getting the word out to other youth about their programs would be most helpful. AYC thanked Gabi and Segen for providing this overview.
- b) Erin Ahlholm shared a non-city site application from Anschutz Medical Campus who is seeking city sponsorship of the Summer Meal program. Erin gave an overview of the Summer Meal program, and AYC members reviewed data from the USDA capacity builder map, and another map showing designated summer meal locations. After some discussion, Vice Chair Malik motioned to support Anschutz Medical Campus as a city-sponsored Summer Meal site as it is located in an area of need, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caleb. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) The annual presentation to the City Council Policy Committee is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Vice Chair Malik will present on behalf of AYC. Included in the presentation is a request to revise city ordinance to allow youth members, who are not city residents, but who do attend an Aurora school to become eligible to apply to serve on the Youth Commission.
- b) AYC members will volunteer at the Fishing Derby at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, April 13 at 8 a.m. Dhruv, Jhostin, Beck, and possibly Lukas and Caleb will support this event.
- c) AYC Book Discussion – Members discussed the reading of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and how it relates to them. Commission members will finish the remainder of the book before the May meeting.

