

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION
May 2nd, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
AMC, Aurora Room, 1st FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:44 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, Kris Kerr, Beck Varcoe, Zeru Christian, Jamie Nichols, Taniya Mills, Kevin Duncan, and Behta Christian.
- Commissioners absent: Mitali Desai, Kristina Lance (excused)
- City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.
- Guests:
- III. Vinay moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Vinay moved to approve the April minutes, 2nd by Josephine. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
- a) Chair Shrivastava recognized Lukas Keller as the AYC scholarship award winner for 2019. Dhruv read from a portion of Lukas' scholarship application and noted his outstanding attendance over the last three school years.
- b) AYC budget is \$502.37 for the remainder of 2019.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Graduating senior Lukas Keller was presented the AYC scholarship of \$100. He received the award in the form of a gift card. Lukas plans to attend Colorado State University this fall.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) Vinay and Josue made the annual presentation to the City Council Policy Committee on Tuesday, April 16, with Joe and Jhostin attending in support. Jenna said several attendees told her how impressed they were with the presentation and the professionalism of AYC members. The Policy Committee supported the suggested change in ordinance to allow non-resident youth to apply to AYC, but requested it come back to Policy Committee once the new language was drafted. Jenna shared the proposed ordinance change drafted by the City Attorney's office. Josue moved to do a verbal vote in support the proposed language, 2nd by Vinay. Chair Shrivastava held a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously. Jenna will need AYC members to attend an upcoming Policy Committee meeting during the summer recess to bring this item back for formal approval. A meeting date will be finalized and sent out.
- b) AYC Book Discussion – Members discussed the final reading of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and subjects they found insightful and relatable. Everyone agreed the book discussion was worthwhile.
- c) AYC will recess for the summer and resume for school year 2019/2020 on Thursday, August 1st. All members are encouraged to recruit new youth members over the break. If current members return and members whose terms are expiring re-apply, there will be two youth vacancies and no adult vacancies.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**
- a) AYC congratulated and celebrated Taniya, Behta and Lukas on their upcoming high school graduations.
- b) Jenna shared upcoming events and youth employment and volunteer opportunities for the summer.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. by Spencer, 2nd by Vinay. The motion passed unanimously.

Next AYC meeting is August 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Room, 1st floor of AMC.

Approved AYC Minutes:

Dhrw
Signature

Dhrw Shrivastava
Name

10/1/19
Date

AYC Chair
Title