

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION
October 3rd, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
AMC, Aurora Room, 1st FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITY HELD AT THE START OF THE MEETING.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Dhruv Shrivastava, Vinay Malik, Joseph Soto, Jhostin Perez, Madison Dragon, Zeru Christian, Angela Guardado, Jamie Nichols, Natalie Perez, Caleb Garvis, Beck Varcoe, Spencer Scheef, Caleb Weiss, Josue Estrada and Manar Jeelani.

Commissioners absent: (All Excused) Kris Kerr, Mitali Desai, Joe Lewis, Josephine Stockton, Kevin Duncan, Kristina Lance.

City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.

Guests: Will Patterson with the Aurora Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.
- III. Vinay moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Vinay moved to approve the September minutes, 2nd by Madison. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
 - a) Vinay noted the AYC budget has \$452.37 remaining in 2019. The budget was adjusted to account for a member's CPR training and for two (2) \$10 gift cards for the winners of last month's scavenger hunt.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Will Patterson with the Aurora Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Coalition, a program of the Aurora Mental Health Center, shared ASAP is focused on reducing youth substance abuse. They seek a youth voice on their Coalition, which meets the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Meeting locations vary. Will noted the difficulty with daytime meetings. AYC members asked about messaging and how information is shared. ASAP currently has a marketing campaign focused on positive social norming. AYC invited Will to come back if specific efforts arise that they can possibly support.
 - b) Jenna provided an overview of November AYC Officer Election process and requirements of Officers. Only youth can hold an Officer position and the term is one year. Youth can nominate themselves, and all members can nominate any youth, whether in attendance or not. Candidates may decline prior to the election, or decline if they win, in which case the position is offered to the candidate with the second most votes. Youth member nominees presented were:
 - a. Chair: Dhruv, Vinay, Josue, Mitali, Josephine, Jamie, Angela, Zeru, Manar.
 - b. Vice Chair: Dhruv, Vinay, Zeru, Mitali, Josephine, Manar.
 - c. Treasurer: Jamie, Caleb, Zeru, Vinay, Madison, Kris.
 - d. Historian: Natalie, Jhostin, Vinay, Madison, Caleb, Angela, Beck, Kris.

Nominees should prepare a brief campaign speech. Voting will be anonymous. Jenna reminded youth that though four members will be Officers, each AYC member has a leadership role and responsibility.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a) AYC Sub-committee's met to discuss potential projects and ideas for the current school year. Near the end of the meeting, sub-committee's shared their top 1-2 ideas with the group. Jenna collected the written ideas for additional discussion. As a group, it was discussed to pursue spending remaining 2019 funds on AYC cooking team-builder and a color balloon fight. Expenditure of funds will be voted on in November.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. by Jamie, 2nd by Caleb. The motion passed unanimously.

Next AYC meeting is November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Room, 1st floor of AMC.

Approved AYC Minutes:

Dhruv
Signature

Dhruv Srivastava
Name

11/7/19
Date

Chair
Title