

**AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION**  
November 7<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 6:31 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Spencer Scheef, Dhruv Shrivastava, Vinay Malik, Joseph Soto, Jhostin Perez, Madison Dragon, Zeru Christian, Angela Guardado, Jamie Nichols, Natalie Perez, Caleb Garvis, Caleb Weiss, Kris Kerr, Mitali Desai, Joe Lewis, Josephine Stockton, Kristina Lance and Manar Jeelani.
- Commissioners absent: (Excused) Beck Varcoe, Kevin Duncan
- Guests: Advik Shrivastava, AYC applicant, is a freshman at Grandview High School.
- City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.
- III. Vinay moved to adopt the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Vinay moved to approve the October minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
- a) The AYC budget has \$452.37 remaining for 2019.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a) AYC officer nominees provided brief comments prior to each position's election. Voting results for 2019/20 AYC Officers:
- a. Chair – Angela Guardado
  - b. Vice Chair – Vinay Malik
  - c. Treasurer – Jamie Nichols
  - d. Historian – Kris Kerr
- Jenna thanked the outgoing AYC Officers, commending them for their leadership and work. Welcome your new AYC Officers: Angela, Vinay, Jamie and Kris! Jenna will set up an Officer's meeting prior to the next regular AYC meeting.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) AYC members will provide youth input at the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting on transportation planning. Members expressing interest in giving input were Vinay, Jamie, Mitali, Josephine, and Natalie. Jenna will provide city transportation to the meeting downtown next week as needed.
- b) Discussion on remaining 2019 budget; members reviewed book titles previously recommended. Dale Carnegie's book *How to Win Friends & Influence People in the Digital Age*, adapted from the original bestseller, was selected as the new AYC book for group discussion. Jamie motioned to spend up to \$220 to purchase 22 books, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caleb. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously. Caleb Garvis motioned to spend the remaining 2019 funds on a bowling team builder at AMF Aurora Lanes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manar. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) The Cherry Creek Diversity Conference will be February 1, 2020. Several members expressed interest in attending. The fee is \$25 per person until end of November, then goes to \$30/person. Josue moved to spend up to \$300 of next year's budget for members to attend the Diversity Conference. Jenna will secure spots for AYC members.
- d) Per a request from City Council, the AYC by-laws will be amended to reflect the change in city ordinance allowing non-resident youth to apply. Members reviewed draft language provided by Josue and, after discussion, suggested a few additional changes. The Communications sub-committee will make suggested revisions, and AYC will review the amended by-laws at the next meeting.
- e) AYC will hold the annual White Elephant gift exchange at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members who want to participate should bring a new, wrapped gift, up to \$15 in value.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

- a. Jenna reminded everyone about the Commissions' winter weather policies. You will be notified if the meeting is going to be canceled.
- b. Sub-Committees shared briefly projects they were deciding on. More to follow in the upcoming meetings.
- c. Angela, Jamie and Josephine agreed to come early, at 6:15 p.m., to conduct a youth interview prior to the December meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Shrivastava moved, without objection, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**Next AYC meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of AMC.**

Approved AYC Minutes:

Angela Guardado  
Signature

12/05/19  
Date

Angela Guardado  
Name

Chair  
Title