

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 14, 2014

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, January 14, 2014 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present. Also present were Councilman Nodjomian, Youth Advisory Council Advisor, and City Clerk Dan Doucet. Chairman William Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by William Adams at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, December- 10, 2013
Regular Meeting, November 12, 2013

Chairman Adams requested approval of the November and December minutes. Jason Nodjomain moved approval. Stella Kim seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Anderson-yes; Schreck-yes; Adams-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Kim-yes; Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Old Business:

Parent Waivers:

Councilman Nodjomain stated since Taylor Anderson had a family emergency at the time of our last meeting she did not have an opportunity to obtain a parental waiver. Councilman Nodjomain stated he turned in a waiver for his son Jason, and will resubmit if necessary. Mr Doucet stated he will send the waiver documents to Taylor Anderson and will check on Jason's waiver form. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Face Book Page:

- Formation of a public Face Book Page for the Youth Advisory Council for the purpose of getting the word out to other youth.

Chairman Adams stated that using this method of communication should increase awareness of our purpose; open the door for more networking; and facilitate getting information out there so the public will know what the Youth Advisory Council is all about. Councilman Nodjomain asked if there are any guidelines and/or restrictions that may prevent the Youth Council from using Face Book to enhance their program, etc. Mr Doucet stated he would discuss this Attorney Powell and report back at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

School Announcements:

- Incorporating Youth Advisory Council with Niceville High School and spreading the word to students by before/after school announcements. Discussion surrounding the best methods an/or approaches on how to best handle this was discussed.

SOAR:

- The drafting of a soar announcement for NHS home rooms. A consensus was reached for the announcement size to be less than a page. Councilman Nodjomain recommended to bring your drafts for review by either himself or Mr Doucet since you are not allowed to discuss this between yourselves outside of an official meeting because of the Sunshine Law. Discussion followed.

Destin Youth Advisory Council:

Chairman Adams stated he will attend a meeting on January 15, 2014 to learn more about their program in an effort to implement some of their ideas and policies. Discussion followed.

Mr Doucet stated he will send a standing meeting schedule for posting to the City Web Site under the Youth Advisory Council. Mr Doucet stated he plans to coordinate with the web master to have youth advisory council minutes posted on line as well. In addition, he stated that name plates for our youth advisory council members are now in place..

Contact Detail Sheet:

- Develop/obtain an official name list with e-mail accounts for the public in case there are youths who want to address an issue to a youth advisory council member.

New Project:

Consider taking on "if I were elected Mayor".... "Essay Contest" - Florida League of Mayors

Councilman Nodjomain provided a brief overview of the FI League of Cities which is an organization that has a membership base of over 400 cities belonging to it. The League of Cities provides for an Annual Conference that is typically held in the southern part of the state. Elected Officials typically meet to attend various meetings in a seminar type setting that allows for networking which is very beneficial to everyone in attendance. He stated that the Youth Advisor Council Members may have an opportunity to attend. Discussion Followed. He stated the Florida League of Mayors and the Florida League of Cities are sponsoring a statewide essay contest titled "If I were elected Mayor". A required subject taught in all Florida public middle schools, civics education is vital to encouraging meaningful public participation. He stated the contest is offered to all seventh-grade students in-public schools. He stated entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2014. Essays will be judged by a

committee comprised of members from the Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors. Three statewide winners will be selected. In addition, winners will receive a joint resolution from the Florida League of Mayors and the Florida League of Cities to be presented at a future City Council meeting of their municipality. In addition, there will be prizes given to contest winners. Councilman Nodjomain encouraged the youth council members to take on this project. Discussion followed. Councilman Nodjomain stated that he would contact school officials at Ruckel Middle School to pave the way for the youth council to meet with students to brief them on the program. Discussion followed.

Other business:

Consider Names/Photos of Current Youth Advisory Council Members with contact info on the City of Niceville Web Site!

Mr Doucet stated he will work with a local photographer to set up a photo session. In addition, there was discussion on the possibility of purchasing shirts for the voting members of Youth Advisory Council. Mr Doucet stated he will obtain information on ordering the shirts and for members of the Youth Advisory Council to be thinking about a color such as the Niceville High School color. Discussion followed.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY