

MINUTES
SPECIAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 1, 2014

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in special session at 5:00 PM, April 1, 2014 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present to include C J Lightfoot who replaced Taylor Anderson who moved outside of the incorporated area of the City. Also present was Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian and City Clerk, Dan Doucet and a visitor in the audience. Chairman William Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Establishing a Service Project. – Jeans Drive - Update

Councilman Nodjomian stated that Christopher Lightfoot was appointed to the Youth Advisory Council to replace Taylor Anderson since her family moved away from the incorporated area of Niceville and is no longer eligible to serve on the council. He stated that Christopher has attended all Youth Council Meetings and should be an asset to the council. Discussion followed.

Councilman Nodjomian also stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans to conduct the Jeans Drive. He stated that the everyone left the last meeting very excited about the project, however, when discussing the project with Jason it was determined that a definitive plan has not been established. Plans were to start the project immediately after spring break that ended last week. Discussion followed.

Councilman Nodjomian recommended the Youth Council appoint a project coordinator who would determine what has to been done and get the ball rolling. He stated that it was Stella that came up with idea first about two months ago and asked her if she would be willing serve as the coordinator for the project. Stella acknowledged stating she would be the project coordinator.

He asked about the current status of the Jeans Drive. Chairman Adams stated that contact was made with Sheila bishop, the City Librarian who supports the project and will allow a box or two to be placed in the entry way as you enter thru the double doors of the library. Jason stated that another box can be located in the City Water Department (Utility Billing Office) as formally agreed by Mr Doucet. Mr Doucet stated a large number of residents come in and out of our location to pay their water bills, etc.

Stella stated that companies like Sears or moving companies may possibly donate the boxes. Councilman Nodjomian recommended that you stick with requesting the boxes

from moving companies and recommended you ask for dish pack cartons that are more sturdy. Discussion followed. Caroline Schreck volunteered to handle advertising which includes making signs for the boxes. In addition, discussion regarding using the City Youth Advisory Website; Facebook; an article in the Bay Beacon; school announcements; and using the City water bill with a sentence or two to get the word out to the public. Mr Doucet stated that our water bills are outsourced and we typically send our billing out around the 25th of each month; therefore any information to be added to the bill would have to reach our office a day or so prior to billing. Discussion followed. It was agreed among the group to ask for approximately 15-20 donated boxes for placement at approved locations. Jason and William agreed to collect the jeans and store them in a location until distribution is made to the charity(s) decided such as the Water Front Mission, and the Niceville Methodist Church Bargain Box. Councilman Nodjomian agreed and suggested to contact the church and ask for their support as a collection point. Especially since the bargain box is operated by the church and would benefit from the drive in helping the needy.

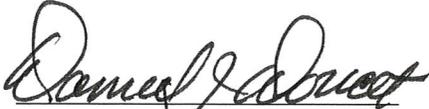
After discussion among the group a decision was made that Christopher Lightfoot would contact Ruckel and Rocky Bayou Christian (Middle Schools), Niceville High School and the NWFSC to establish support for the program. A consensus was reached when preparing notices, flyers, etc, to insure you ask for all jean sizes, children, youths, and adults since the plan is to help ages in all walks of life.

Everyone was in agreement to hold the drive from April 21st to May 13th. The group agreed to provide an update on the project during their next meeting scheduled for 6:00pm, April 8, 2014.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY