

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in special regular at 6:00 PM, September 9, 2014 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present except for Caroline Schreck who was unable to attend. Also in attendance was the Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian, City Clerk, Dan Doucet and visitors in the audience. Chairman C J Lightfoot led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting, August 12, 2014

Jason Nodjomian moved approval. Stella Kim seconded. Council Vote: Stella Kim-yes; C. J Lightfoot-yes; Jason Nodjomian-yes; motion passed.

Old Business:

New Members - Brainstorm ideas to increase our membership by creating a more intensive recruitment program. Discussion centered around reaching out to other schools and not limit recruitment to only few schools as done in the past such as Niceville High School. Discussion followed.

Social Media - Face Book - Twitter

Mr Chad Morris provided some general city policy guidance for consideration as it applies to social media. Max Van Belkum who is the chairman of the Destin Youth Advisory Council stated they do not use Face Book or Twitter.

New Business:

Next Service Project (Community Clean up)

Discussion centered around coming up with a strategy plan regarding who will be responsible for a variety of elements needed to put such a big project together such as labor, supplies, advertising and sponsorships. Jason Nodjomian volunteered to be the overall project manager. Stella Kim stated she would take of advertising. Councilman Nodjomian stated we need to coordinate with a variety of agencies such as Public Works,

and Waste Management to dispose of the items gathered during the cleanup campaign. He suggested we should focus on the City Center and expand out from there to include the practice fields, etc. and no further than the triangle where State Road 20 and 85 meet. He felt once we finish such a project we could consider having a burger burn to celebrate our success. He suggested going after sponsors to fund it such as Jim and Nicks, etc. Council members were instructed to come to our next meeting well prepared with a firm set of dates sometime early during the month of November. Discussion followed.

General Plans for our “second year”

Councilman Nodjomian stated now is the time to start keeping records of the items you have accomplished such as the pictures taken during the jeans drive. He strongly felt that we would have a good shot at next years video competition if we prepare for it now. Discussion followed.

Max Van Belkum, Chairman of the Destin Youth Council provided some insight into some of their accomplishments. He stated their council had a membership of 15 students from Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, some collegiate, and Choctaw. He advised the council has a float and rode in the Christmas Parade to project visibility in the community. He presented a copy of a Resolution that was passed involving their support for choice zoning for consideration by the Destin City Council. The City Council of Destin supported the Youth Council by recommending to the Okaloosa County School Board to establish Choice Zoning for Destin, thereby providing school bus transportation for high school students that attend either Fort Walton Beach High School or Niceville High School. This resulted in a cost savings as outlined in the resolution by eliminating two private shuttles and to insure that all students were provided transportation This is a good example of the Youth Council getting involved with the local government process. (copy enclosed)

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY