

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 13, 2015

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, January 13, 2015 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present except for Chairman Lightfoot who was ill. Also in attendance was Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian, City Clerk, Dan Doucet, and a member of the press. Vice Chairman Stella Kim led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting, December 9, 2015

Stella Kim moved approval. Jason Nodjomian seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Schreck-yes; Kim-yes; Nodjomian-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Stella Kim asked if there were any items for discussion in regards to our last meeting such as the tutoring and changing our by-laws.

Councilman Nodjomian asked if donations were received from sponsors? Mr Doucet stated he would follow-up and report back to the council. Council Nodjomian stated it would be appropriate to send a thank you note acknowledging their support ,etc.

Tutoring Program:

Discussion surrounding contacting the library to determine if they had a location for the program. It was suggested to contact teachers to see if anyone wanted to volunteer to be a tutor. Everyone felt it was a good idea to open it up to students who may be interested in tutoring for community service hours. Discussion followed. Councilman Nodjomian suggested talking to the school guidance councilors for assistance. He recommended moving forward with the project and be prepared to present your plan by the next meeting. He felt like the timing is great for the project to be underway before you are faced with finals, etc. Councilman Nodjomian suggested that Stella and Jason be the focal point to deal with the library and also recommended that they contact Dr Richardson and discuss with her what the youth council is trying to set up. She may very well take it from there and e-mail the department heads vs you meeting with them. This

would take care of the three main points, the library, teacher involvement and contacting students who want to earn additional community service hours. He recommended to get your thoughts together before contacting her for assistance. If you need a letter stating what you plan to do let us know and we can come up with the letter. Stella asked if anyone had anything to add to the tutoring project. No response.

She then asked if everyone had an opportunity to look over the Youth Advisory Council by laws to determine changes. Stella stated the only thing she noted in the by laws that required changing was in Section Two located on Page 1 of 6 regarding membership qualifications. Discussion followed. Mr Doucet recommended changing it to read if you a voting member you must live within the incorporated area of Niceville. If you are a non-voting member you must reside somewhere within the 32578 zip code which includes the unincorporated area of Niceville and Bluewater Bay. Councilman Nodjomian agreed with the distinction. He stated that every City has it's own zip code such as Valparaiso and their membership should be from their own zip code. Mr Doucet stated he will make the changes and send a draft via e-mail prior to the next meeting. Councilman Nodjomian stated that we really need to bear down and attract new membership since we'll be losing C J and Stella this year which means we'll need to appoint three new voting members in the very near future. He stated we formed the council a year ago in November and we bring it up at every meeting to work on attracting new members. Stella recommended as a goal we should have is to invite at least two students to attend our next meeting. She stated it doesn't have to be your best friend. Tell them what we are doing and that it looks very good on their college applications. Councilman Nodjomian stated we could have applications available for them to complete while they are here. Councilman Nodjomian stated all we have to do is change the date on the application and the balance of it is still current. We need to make that change and have the Web-site updated as well. You could direct prospective members to the web-site to obtain and compete the application and submit it to Mr Doucet. Councilman Nodjomian stated he liked the approach and asked that this be passed to C J as well. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Stella asked if the council had any new business they wanted to bring up. Jason recommend that we consider having another jeans drive or another cleanup project. Councilman Nodjomian stated the council received some great publicity from the articles in both the Northwest Fl Daily news and the Bay Beacon. Caroline stated that Lynn Yort of Waste Management recommended collecting Lego's and Dr Seuss books as a project. Discussion followed. Because of the success of the last Project it was suggested we consider another spring cleanup around the early May or the fall time-frame of 2015.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.


VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY