

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, February 10, 2015 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present except for Caroline Schreck who had a required school function. Also in attendance was Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian, City Clerk, Dan Doucet, and a member of the press. 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, January 13, 2015

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

New Business:

Plans for Spring Clean-up - May time-frame.

Discussion centered around coming up with a date and time for the Spring Clean up. Everyone agreed the best date would be May 9, 2015. Everyone should meet at City Hall at 8:30AM - 9:00AM to kick off the event. Mr Doucet stated he could coordinate with Mr Bruce Price and ask for two employees to provide assistance with picking up the bags, etc. as they did for our last event. He further stated we'll provide the garbage bags and gloves as well. Everyone was in agreement to go after sponsors early on and do a better job in putting together the after clean-up event. Stella stated that she belongs to a group of seniors that focus on a different community service project every month. She stated that approximately 10 students would be available for the community clean up event. Stella also volunteered to help with sponsorships and the food for the burger burn. Discussion followed. Jason volunteered to be the overall project manager for the clean up event. Councilman Nodjomian stated that we may need to expand our clean-up area if we in fact have better participation for the event. If we have 50 volunteers we could expand the clean up area as appropriate. We'll also need more bags, vests, gloves, etc. Mr Doucet stated he could arrange for the additional supplies/support. Councilman Nodjomian asked if anyone prepared a thank you note to Mr Powell since he sponsored our jeans drive event. He stated we needed to take care of this as soon as possible since we may request another sponsorship from him. Discussion followed.

Toy Drive for Afghan Kids:

Councilman Nodjomian stated that a Captain who used to work for him when he was on active duty is now stationed in Afghanistan. He received an e-mail from him asking for assistance in regards to a toy drive he is putting together in support of children who live in a war stricken country who virtually have nothing. He stated that we have to act fast since the drive ends in early March. He further stated there are approximately 500 children who are either sick or injured who would benefit from this humanitarian effort. He stated it would be an excellent project. We would be collecting toys through February 27th. Recommended toys such as bennie babies that are new or gently used (prefer stuffed animals), school supplies, blankets, and children clothing. Councilman Nodjomian stated we need to act now. He stated he will come up with a flyer that can be printed at Mr Doucet's office. Then we'll need several boxes to be placed at numerous collection points such as the library, Wal-mart, etc. Councilman Nodjomian stated that he and Jason will contact Wal-mart to organize a box at that location. Catrina stated she would volunteer to coordinate any matters with Collegiate High School. Christine Marocchini stated her father is in the Air Force stationed at Hurlburt and she will locate a box near his work area. Annie James Walsh, 9001 Rushing River Way, Niceville, FL was in attendance as a new member and stated she will assist with all of the projects.

Old Business:

Tutoring Project - Update

Chairman Lightfoot asked if there were any items for discussion that came up during the last meeting . Stella stated they spoke to a Karen Houston at the library who is in charge of children programs. Ms Houston stated she could come up with a location to conduct the tutoring. Stella stated that there was a lady in the library who headed up a tutoring program sometime ago, however, because of her schedule she had to discontinue the program. Stella stated that Ms Houston contacted her and she is interested in getting back into the program. Councilman Nodjomian asked if we had her contact information. Stella indicated that she has her e-mail address. Discussion followed. Stella stated she will send her an e-mail and offer the Youth Council's assistance in setting up the program. It was recommended that we invite her to our next youth advisory council meeting so she can know what we're all about, etc. Councilman Nodjomian asked if anyone contacted Dr Richardson as discussed during our last meeting. No response. Chairman Lightfoot stated he would meet with her and ask for assistance and clarify to determine what subjects we should focus on to tutor those students that need assistance. He plans to ask her if we should meet with department heads or if she would be willing to coordinate that effort for us. Discussion followed.

Review/Approve amendments to Youth Council Ordinance and By-laws:

Mr Doucet stated the ordinance and by laws must be approved by the City Council. He will add it to the March agenda and will be approved during the month of May. He advised the primary change was to change the requirement for non-voting members allowing them to reside anywhere within the 32578 zip code. Discussion followed.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY