

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
MARCH 10, 2015

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, March 10, 2015 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present. 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 HEARINGS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, February 10, 2015

C J Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Nodjomian moved approval. Caroline Schreck seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Lighthouse-yes; Schreck-yes; Kim-yes; Nodjomian-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Status of Tutoring Project- Update

C J stated that the youth council met with Karen Houston in the Library who was very helpful and is willing to work with us to set up the program. We'll have a designated place in the Library to conduct the tutoring all we need is to find the volunteers to help us. Caroline stated that she intended to speak with Dr Richardson before and is now ready to contact her. Discussion centered around what subjects should the tutors teach on? C J recommended that we determine what areas the students need help on and focus on those subjects. Councilman Nodjomian stated since the toy drive is now over with we need to get the tutoring program rolled out by April. Then we can focus on the clean up project in May. He recommended talking to the guidance counselors for help with putting out flyers and to get the word out that you need volunteers to be tutors. He advised to let them know that we have the place, time and the resources and assistance from the Library to get the program off the ground. He felt there should be no problem in attracting at least 8-10 kids that are willing to be tutors. That will look very good on their college résumés. C J stated that it should also be attractive to kids who want to earn additional community service hours. Councilman Nodjomian agreed that we should start small based on needs as suggested by C J. He further stated that once you have tutors in place then you can focus on identifying students that need that extra since students tasked to tutor have excelled in the subjects being taught.

Status of Toy Drive for Afghan Kids - Update

Council Nodjomian stated that there are three bags of Toys that were collected from and located behind the council dias pending shipment . Jason Nodjomian stated thee is a large collection of stuffed animals that were sent to be cleaned by the library staff since they were used/soiled. Councilman Nodjomian stated that we meet here tomorrow around 5:30PM to have a photo shoot with all the toys prior to packing and shipment. Discussion followed>

New Business:

Video Contest - Florida League of Cities

Angela Smith arrived from the Bay Beacon and stated that the Video Contest deadline is 1 April 2015. Councilman Nodjomian asked if we could coordinate with the Florida League of Cities point of contact to see if the date is cut in stone, or can we be a few days late. Mr Doucet stated he will make the call to Ms Sharon Berrian and pass on any pertinent information via e-mail to the Youth Advisory Council. Angela covered her ideas regarding the video shoot. She recommended that each member be prepared to answer a question for example what is the Youth Advisory Council doing to make Niceville nicer. She could do a short video click regarding the jeans drive; the community cleanup; the toy drive and the tutoring project. Discussion followed. Councilman Nodjomian recommending layering some narrative comments along with photos, and video clips fo each project stating that we are a land of plenty and how the Youth Council's projects provided for the betterment of the community. Discussion followed.

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


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY