

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH ADVISORY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
MAY 12, 2015

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, May 12, 2015 in the City of Niceville Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All members were present. Also present was Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian and Dan Doucet, City Clerk. Chairman C J Lightfoot led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, April 14, 2015, No Meeting Held
Special Meeting, April 30, 2015

C J Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Stella Kim moved approval. Jason Nodjomian seconded. Council Vote: Lighthouse-yes; Schreck-yes; Kim-yes; Nodjomian-yes. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Community Clean up Project - Hot Wash

C J stated he felt the clean-up was very successful and everyone agreed considering we only had 14 people to show up. Councilman Nodjomian stated he thought it was a very successful event based on the number of volunteers that showed up. He recommended that we discuss how we can make it better the next time. Jason stated that one of the reasons why we had a low turnout is the event was right in the middle of exams. Councilman Nodjomian stated we were late with advertising. The flyer was put out there too late to be effective. Discussion centered around not having a late spring clean-up because of exams and other events going on at school. Jason stated it would be okay if we had the clean-up say in March. Everyone agreed that Key Club is the main source for volunteers. Everyone agreed to keep the clean-up project a bi-annual event we'll just do a better job of scheduling such as early spring or fall. Councilman Nodjomian agreed there is always work to be done, and your noticed by the public for your efforts. He wanted the minutes to reflect that the council will keep the clean-up project as one of their signature events.

New Members:

Caroline stated that she has a friend that will be filling out an application. Councilman Nodjomian stated that talking about new members the Mayor forwarded a request from a

Valparaiso student who is interested in joining our Youth Advisory Council. Councilman Nodjomian stated he seems to very involved and wanted our council to discuss it to see if we could have him be a member since we brought in Blue Water Bay when we changed our ordinance. C J felt there would be no issue if we wanted to do that. Jason stated that this is a little different in that Blue Water Bay residents to not have a City Council, however Valparaiso does. He felt it would be appropriate to invite him to attend one of our meetings with the thought of taking back information to Valparaiso. Councilman Nodjomian stated that Valparaiso may want to establish their own Youth Advisory Council and we don't want to make exceptions that would preclude them from that decision. Everyone was in agreement to invite this person to our next meeting in an effort to provide information to him if he in fact wants to form their own Youth Advisory Council in Valparaiso. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Councilman Nodjomian stated that Stella Kim and C J Lightfoot will be leaving us this year and we must fill 3 vacancies on the Executive Board. Jason Nodjomian stated he would take on the Chairman job unless someone else wanted to do it. Caroline stated she would be happy to be the Vice Chairman, however, changed her mind when she found out more about the requirement to attend the majority of the meetings. She is deeply involved in band and other subjects that require a lot of her time. With that in mind she stated she would be happy to fill the Secretary position. Christine Marocchini stated that her schedule would not conflict with filling the position of Vice Chairman. Annie-James Walsh, and Jonathan Toledo stated they would be willing to serve on the board as a voting members. Mr Doucet stated that both of these candidates reside within the corporate limits of the City. Councilman Nodjomian asked if anyone wanted to be considered for these positions. No response. He stated that the Youth Advisory Board selection process is now complete/approved based on the power invested in him.

Councilman Nodjomian stated we will now take a few minutes to view a presentation he put together of the recent "Stuffed Animal" project. He stated the project was very successful resulting in bringing smiles on the faces of so many youngsters in Afghanistan confirmed by the photos at the time when the children were receiving the toys collected and shipped to them by our Youth Advisory Council. In addition these acts of kindness go a long way in building the relationships between our country and the people of Afghanistan. He stated that Jason will brief the council on the results of the project.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY