

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

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, September 8, 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 Jason Nodjomian led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, September 8, 2015

Jason Nodjomian asked for a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes. Christine Marocchini moved approval. Annie-James Walsh-seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Schreck-yes; Marocchini-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Walsh-yes; Toledo-yes. Motion Passed

Old Business:

Tutoring Project:

Chairman Nodjomian asked for a status up-date. Christine stated she had sent an e-mail to Mr Gore and he has not responded as of yet. Chairman Nodjomian asked if you can give an update to the new members in regards to the planned project. Vice Chairman Christine Marocchini stated that we are working on a protect to have high school students tutor other high school students that need help with subjects they are taking. We are trying to get this program off the ground. We are working with the School and City Administration. The Library was gracious enough to allow us to use space in the library for our tutoring sessions. She further stated we have Katrina and Alexis Sherwin to help with the project. Caitlin Hart goes to collegiate as well so we have another voice for collegiate. Caroline stated that she had a discussion with Mr Gore recently and she suggested to just approach him in person vs using e-mail. Councilman Nodjomian asked how long ago did you try to contact him by e-mail. Christine stated it was 1 ½ or 2 weeks ago. Councilman Nodjomian stated that if you are successful to talk to Mr Gore in person be sure to ask him if there are any hurdles to tackle to get this program off the ground. He stated unfortunately we are bound to monthly meetings. If we met weekly that would be a different story. I'm hoping the project doesn't get pushed back by the holidays leaving little time to be productive, etc. He asked if it was necessary for him to get with the school administrators to help pave the way to find out what the hurdles are and to work thru them? Discussion followed.

Community Clean-up Project:

Chairman Nodjomian stated that the agreed date/time for the clean up project is November 21, 2015 at 9:00 -1100 AM followed by a Barbeque. He stated that he contacted members of the Key Club, National Honors Society, and Earth Club and they all agree to participate. Councilman Nodjomian recommended drafting a letter requesting sponsors in support of the clean-up project. He stated the letter should state who we are and what we are about. Be sure to include what we are planning to do - include the date of the event, and ask for their support to help defray the cost of the cleanup. Some of the sponsors are Walmart; Chick-filet; Firehouse Subs, etc. Councilman Nodjomian asked Mr Doucet to coordinate with Public Works to line up a couple of helpers, signs, etc on the morning of the clean-up. Mr Doucet stated he take care of this and will also line up the grill to use along with gloves, vests and garbage bags. Discussion followed. Councilman Nodjomian recommended to prepare a flyer to attract volunteers to help with clean-up.

New Business:

Options for a Mock Trial:

Katrina stated it was necessary to leave soon and asked if it was possible to skip ahead to discuss this program. She stated that she has been very busy and wasn't able to do much research on the subject. Councilman Nodjomian stated that during our last regular meeting our City Attorney Dixie Powell stated that he is a member of a bar association and part of their training especially for young lawyers is to conduct a mock trial typically once a year in January or February. He recommended that someone coordinate with him regarding the details. Mr Doucet provided Katrina with his contact information.

Presidential Election Program:

Katrina thought it would be a good idea to have this as a project mostly from an awareness standpoint. Councilman Nodjomian felt it was good timing which is excellent project aimed directly at civics. You could conduct a "mock" candidate forum at say a middle school. Each of you could pick a candidate learn their platforms and conduct a debate regarding the election process. Especially since this goes around only every four years. You have a civic responsibility to be aware of the issues and vote on them. Councilman Nodjomian stated you have to set a schedule. He stated for example we have our tutoring program to get up and running, Clean up in November. Our candidate forum in January/February, He stated our mock trial may just be advertising for it and providing for transportation to Pensacola. Etc. Katrina stated she will work on a draft for review outlining the Presidential Candidate Process. She stated she and her sister will work on it.

Presidential Election

Jason: Katrina came up with a mock presidential debate. Platforms etc that people are running on. People playing different candidates.

Youth Council Shirts and Hats:

Mr Doucet passed out new Youth Advisory Council Polo's and Hats that were provided by the City Manager. Mr Craig Garrison took photos of them just prior to the meeting for updating the web site.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY