

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 11, 2017

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, April 11, 2017 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 Christine Marocchini led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting, February 14, 2017

Regular Council Meeting, March 17, 2017 (no meeting held)

Christine Marocchini asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Annie-James moved to approved the minutes. Rebecca Corallo seconded. Council Vote: Marocchini-yes; Armstrong-yes; Toledo-yes; Walsh -yes; Corallo-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Youth Council Logo and Letterhead Stationary - Update (Award Winners) Christine asked Will for an update. Will stated that the First Place Winner of the digital art design for our logo was Jonathan Beals; 2nd Place was Ashley Nix and 3rd Place was Rachel Larson. Will stated unfortunately they were not able to be notified as planned. He stated that Mrs Frakes stated she will make the presentations in class. Discussion followed. He stated that he will accept the awards on their behalf and take them to school so Mrs Frakes can present them. Councilman Nodjomian stated that he hoped Mike Griffin will be attending the regular council meeting so he can take photos. Councilman Nodjomian asked Jonathan to brief the council at our regular meeting. Councilman Nodjomian stated what happens now that we have our new logo. Will stated that he will have it on a flash drive and we can start using it on our letterhead, our shirts, signs for community cleanup, etc. Councilman Nodjomian stated it would be good to have this all set up for our August meeting so the new Council can start using them as appropriate. Discussion followed.

Trip to Tallahassee - Update

Christine stated that she will not be able to attend the Regular City Council Meeting tonight and asked if each member of the Executive Council should give a short presentation, or could we ask John to brief the City Council? Councilman Nodjomian stated that having John do it will be perfectly fine. Councilman Nodjomian stated it would be good if you individually give a short presentation to say a civics class and if that works out we can discuss it at our May meeting Discussion followed.

Community Clean up - Update

Christine stated that she has contacted the Key Club and John has made contact with NHS. We expect to get at least 30 volunteers. Councilman Nodjomian stated that we'll need the vests, gloves, bags, road signs and the help from Public Works. Dan stated he will contact public works and we have all the vests and gloves on hand for the event and the City will donate the bags for the event. John stated that he has contacted Chic Filet and we are receiving 30 chicken biscuits as a donation for the event. Councilman Nodjomian stated we will get drinks and chips from Walmart. He asked that we have the volunteer here to start the project at 9:00 AM and finish up at 11:00 AM. Discussion followed.

New Members - Update

Christine stated that all of us are graduating this year and need new members to serve on the Executive Council. She turned to the audience and stated welcome new members. She stated that Katie Lightfoot has submitted an application and Hanna and Cory need to complete an turn in their applications. Councilman Nodjomian asked if everyone lived inside the City and they all responded yes. He further stated that everyone interested needs to attend our next meeting since we will be selecting our new board members at that time. He further stated that we will have no meetings in the summer until the 2nd Tuesday of August at 6:00 PM. We will determine who will be our Chairman and Vice Chair. He advised that he will be working with the Chairman over the summer and will have an agenda so we can hit the ground running. He further stated that your task will always be to recruit new members. Discussion followed.

New League of Cities Competition - Update

Christine stated that we can do both the Photo contest and an a Community Service Project. She stated that she has already spoken to Nick Nezama who is an excellent photographer and he is willing to help us with the project. Councilman Nodjomian asked the current council and the incoming council to provide comments on what your visions are for these two submissions. He stated that we can do up to 3 photos and statements as to why we think this represents the City we love. Christine stated the water - especially bay area along Bayshore Drive. She stated that the Relay for Life is kicking off soon and that would be held near the stadium where we might capture some action type photos, etc. Councilman Nodjomian stated the rubberized track may be finished by then and you might capture a good photo there. He stated that the natural beauty of the water. He stated that another area to explore is the Children's Park. If you go there on a Saturday you'll find 100 kids playing there. There is new recently stalled equipment - could be an excellent spot to capture a action shot there. He recommended to review your photos first and pick the top 3 then move into write your statements.

We can talk about all the cleanup events we have add and the outcome is that we were able to donate money to purchase and support the beds for kids program. Another idea would be to get testimonials from people what have observed you cleanup sessions with comments on how you gave up their Saturday's for these clean up events. Discussion followed. In addition you could consider not limiting your submission to a 5 page word document you could jazz it up using something like desktop publishing with call out boxes with pictures like a news letter to make your submission more sellable. Will suggested possibly an aerial view of a kids sporting event. Christine suggested to the incoming council to come up with s sentence or two and e-mail her to give more options/info to draw from when putting together the narratives. Christine stated she would take the lead on the Photo Contest and Will would handle putting together community project. Discussion followed.

New Charity Drive - Update

Christine stated that she received a listing of local charities that the City supports and discussed the possibility of providing assistance to them if appropriate. For example we could check with Sharing and Caring to see if the new board can help with possibly a school supply drive. Some of the non-profit groups are not necessary based in Niceville and we should consider only working with those in the City. Discussion followed.

Christine stated that Ginger Davis and Diane Freeman for the Florida Beds for Kids foundation, sent a thank you letter to the Youth Advisory Council for our donation to purchase a bed for a kid which was much appreciated.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY