

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
MAY 16, 2017

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, May 16, 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, April 11, 2017

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

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

New Business:

Recruiting ideas to increase membership - Update

Christine stated that two of our new members (Hanna and Aurora) are not present due to other commitments. Councilman Nodjomian stated that hopefully they will be here later when we appoint new board members. He stated that the task to get new members is essentially over for the current board since this is their last meeting. We will be looking for the new board members to come up with new ideas on how to attract new members and convince them to serve as this board has done. Discussion followed.

New League of Cities Competition - Update

Christine explained that the Photo Contest submission by the Youth Advisory Council that was due to the League of Cities no later than close of business on May 15, 2017. Christine stated that we chose the Youth Council Community Service Project category since our Community Cleanup events has been so successful. In addition to narrative and photos of our events there was a letter of support signed by the Mayor to transmit the documents. Discussion followed. Councilman Nodjomian asked who took the photos. Christine stated that Sheldon Conner took them. Everyone agreed they were outstanding. He asked if we could have him present when we come back in August in order to recognize him. Discussion followed.

Installation of New Council Members

Councilman Nodjomian stated that we have to fill all 5 positions on the Youth Advisory Council since all of you are graduating this year. He further stated that we have exactly 5 members present tonight and all of them reside within the corporate limits of the City. After a group discussion regarding the duties and responsibilities of serving the following members volunteered to fill the positions/seats as follows.

Chairman: Katie Lightfoot

Vice Chairman: Mariah McClaren

Korey Arsenault, Executive Board Member

Abigail OLaughlin, Executive Board Member

Hannah Sjostrom, Executive Board Member

They were appointed by general consensus. Discussion followed.

Councilman Nodjomian stated that the Youth Advisory Council will use Roberts Rules of Order as a guide to conduct their meetings. He advised this book of rules is widely used by a variety of governmental agencies on how to conduct their public hearings. He stated the procedures will mirror the way our city council operates. In addition, Councilman Nodjomian stated he will brief the new council regarding the applicability of the sunshine law since the Youth Council is subject to those rules.

He stated we will return after summer break and will hold our first meeting on August 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Then we will roll right into our regular council meeting that starts at 7:00 PM.

Saying goodbye to Youth Advisory Council Members

Councilman Nodjomian presented certificates to all members of the Executive Council thanking them for their outstanding service. He praised each one individually and expressed appreciation regarding how they have learned so much about local government and the great job they did representing the Youth population in Niceville.

In addition, Councilman Nodjomian stated that the City Manager arranged for a social honoring the Youth Council following the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY