

MINUTES  
REGULAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The Niceville Youth Advisory Council met in regular session at 6:00 PM, February 12, 2019. All Youth Advisory Council Members were present except for Abigail O’Laughlin and Regan Howell. Also present were Youth Council Advisor, Councilman Nodjomian and Dan Doucet, City Clerk. Chairman Katie Lightfoot led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 5 visitors in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, January 8, 2019

Chairman Katie Lightfoot requested a motion to approve the minutes. Martin Boulido moved approval and Chris Sanders seconded. Katie asked if there is any discussion? No one spoke for or against. She then asked for a vote. Council Vote: Boulido-yes; Lightfoot-yes; Sanders-yes. Motion passed

Old Business:

- **Mental Health Program - Update**

Councilman Nodjomian recommended to take this off the agenda since the school term ends in the near future.

New Business:

- **Recruiting Update - Chris & Martin**

Chris distributed a brochure that he and Martin designed to use as a handout to recruit new members. He pointed out that this brochure should be helpful for students to give them more information about our group placing them in a better position to make a decision on becoming a member. In addition, we could come up with a poster for display for teachers and students to review to become more informed about our Youth Advisory Council. He stated we could consider wearing our Youth Council Shirts to school which may spark interaction with students. Council Nodjomian stated that he loved it. He stated this is a excellent tool to promote the Youth Advisory Council and it’s a living document that can be updated as you take on new projects and programs in the future. It’s a great way to summerize who we are and what we do. Martin stated that Chris provided the majority of the information stating he added some items, and helped with formatting the document. Martin stated that we could contact a printing company to possibly make it

more professional. Councilman Nodjomian asked Mr Doucet if the City had printers capable of printing 2 sided documents? He stated yes we do and asked how many copies to print? Councilman Nodjomian recommended to start off with 200 copies. Visiting students were asked if they would review the brochure and provide feedback to our group after their review. Martin reiterated that he felt it would be important to pass out the brochures to teachers, classrooms and especially target freshmen and sophomores and high achieving students who we can get in here after school. Martin made reference to the Beautification Project and the clean-up project we have planned for the March/April time-frame that should be our biggest recruitment event. In the past we have had good turnout for clean-up events but not so much for recruitment. Chairman Lightfoot asked visiting students if they had any input regarding the brochure and were all of their questions answered? Everyone replied that all questions were answered.

- **Beautification Project Update - Katie & Martin**

Chairman Lightfoot stated that we wanted to contact Mr Bruce Price in Public Works to find out if we can have irrigation on the corner of school property across from the car dealership and subway. Mr. Price was in the audience and stated he would have to check and get back with the Youth Council. Councilman Nodjomian stated that the Youth Advisory Council won a Waste Management Grant in the amount of \$1,250 to use towards a beautification project. The Youth Council chose that small undeveloped triangle, however, needed input regarding the availability of irrigation before moving forward with the project location. Mr Price stated that re-use water is located in the median across from the car dealership. He'll have to check and get back with the Youth Council. Discussion followed. Chairman Lightfoot stated that they visited with the Nursery located on Palm Blvd and came up with two plans one for plants that require irrigation and the other without irrigation. They suggested plants that require irrigation. She stated that they can offer training if needed. They also stated that they would give us a 20% discount. Mr Price stated that once the decision is made on what you want to plant the City can purchase plants at wholesale pricing and with tax exempt status. Councilman Nodjomian asked Mr Price if there were areas in the City that had plants in locations that did not require irrigation? He stated that there is a median in the Rocky Bayou area that have Palmetto and Crepe Myrtles planted there and irrigation is not required. Councilman Nodjomian asked how the baseball field is irrigated? Mr Price stated at one time they had a well, however he'll have to check on it. Councilman Nodjomian stated that we don't want to plant items that will require the City to maintain them. He asked if there was a garden Club that we could contact for assistance regarding how to maintain what we do plant? Katie stated she knows the person in charge of the Niceville Garden Club and will contact her for assistance. Councilman Nodjomian stated that they may send club members out the day we plan to do this and assist us. Councilman Nodjomian asked if we could obtain a GIS map (to scale) of the area? Mr Price stated he

could get this for the Youth Council. Councilman Nodjomian asked Katie to pick someone to work with Mr Price on these items. Chairman Lightfoot stated that Mr Morello approved our project since it's school property. Discussion followed.

- **Community Service Video Contest**

Chairman Lightfoot stated the award nomination is due to Tallahassee on March 13, 2019 at 5:00PM. Councilman Nodjomian stated that you can do video clips to capture everything that in the narrative in two to five minutes. Make sure that each of you are in the video. Katie you can be talking to Waste Management about the grant process; Chris could be at the nursery talking about what plants to use; Martin can be talking with Mr. Price. He stated that in each 20 second cut you need to state "we live local and work local". It's important all the Executive Council to be in the video to show that you are part of the action. You have to make it easy for the graders of the video. Yes they got the theme, yes they heard to message; etc. Recommend to reach to Waste Management, and Mr Price to set it up that your not capturing all this on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. Discussion followed.

- **Decide on Tallahassee Trip Day**

Councilman Nodjomian stated if we are going to get anything out of this we need to attend the March 26, 2019 session. He asked if all of the members of the Executive Council able to attend. Katie stated that Abigail would not be able to attend. The rest of us are still debating. Chris stated that he plans to go. Katie stated she has a softball game in Tallahassee at Lincoln, but felt it will work out. Martin stated he has a big track meet the following day and still had to work out details and must insure he qualifies. Discussion centered about the seat capacity of the van. Mr Doucet stated that the van holds the driver plus 8 passengers. Councilman Nodjomian stated he always wants to take all of the executive council members and up to 3 more. We need to confirm the van capacity to be sure before we invite others. He felt we had enough of the executive members going and we should ask other students that are interested in attending. We should have all this firmed up by our next meeting on March 12, 2019. He stated he will contact Mr. Marello and ask for a school absence as done in the past. Discussion followed. Mr. Doucet stated he would check with Representative Pounder's office to set a time to meet with him. Discussion followed.

- **Charter Review and Proposal**

Tabled until next meeting.

Other Business:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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