

Youth Commission
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Virtual
5:00 pm

Members Present - J. Aponte, R. Flores, A. Morales, A. Ramirez

Others Present – S. Smith, W. Butler

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Mr. Flores. He stated that a quorum is not present.

All present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred to the May meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

None.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Ms. Aponte stated that she has no report but that event planning needs to be discussed.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO UPDATE

Ms. Smith stated that the group needs to decide on the new content before Mr. Acosta can begin working on the update.

EVENT PLANNING

- Teen Café Egg Hunt

Ms. Smith stated that she has provided the items that were ordered for the 2024 event but that she has had no feedback and no instructions for placing an order.

- Earth Day

Ms. Smith stated that Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 12 – 6 pm in City Park. She stated that the Youth Commission has been registered.

Mr. Flores questioned if there was a table activity. Ms. Smith stated that a ring toss game was purchased. She stated that there are pencils, stickers, and small trinkets to distribute. She noted the need for a Commission member to pick the items up from her office before the event.

Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Flores, Ms. Morales, and Ms. Aponte stated that they will all be able to volunteer for part of the day.

Mr. Flores stated that he will make arrangements with Ms. Smith to pick up the items.

- Taco Fest

Ms. Smith stated that she has no information on this event. Ms. Aponte stated that the event will be held on May 3. She stated that Ms. Tavaréz and Ms. Arias were planning the event.

Mr. Flores stated that he will follow up with Ms. Tavaréz.

- Nemesis Run

Ms. Aponte stated that the next Nemesis event is on May 3, the same day as Taco Fest.

Mr. Flores noted the need to work out the details on these events before the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt-a-Block

Mr. Flores expressed the belief that Ms. Arias has the needed supplies. He noted the need to follow up with her and Ms. Tavaréz to ensure that the area continues to be cleaned weekly. He explained the Adopt-a-Block program to the new members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smith explained to the new members that this would be the time when new ideas can be presented for discussion. She stated that she can also make

arrangements for specific presentations on topics that the Commission would like to learn more about.

Ms. Aponte stated that the Commission would like to participate in Riverzilla again this year. Ms. Smith stated that she will provide details once they have been announced.

Mr. Flores stated that he will follow up with Ms. Tavaréz on pending projects. He stated that cleanup arrangements for adopt-a-block will be finalized via the group chat.

Mr. Flores questioned what inspired the new members to join the Youth Commission. Ms. Ramirez stated that she likes to volunteer at events and to assist the community. Ms. Morales stated that she is interested in politics and has worked as part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program for the past two years.

Mr. Flores expressed appreciation for their time and interest. He apologized that more members were not present this evening.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at 5 pm virtually via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Smith, CMC
Deputy City Clerk