

Youth Commission
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Great American Creamery
6:00 pm

Members Present – J. Aponte, M. Tavaréz, B. Hernández, D. Pérez

Others Present – S. Smith, W. Butler

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Mr. Hernández. He stated that a quorum is not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EVENT PLANNING

- Climate Action Plan Workshop

Mr. Hernández noted the need to confirm a location for the workshop on August 26. Olivet Mulberry St and 3rd & Spruce Rec Center were suggested.

Ms. Smith was asked to work with Ms. Ayers-Fisher and to confirm the location with the Commission.

- Riverzilla

Mr. Hernández stated that this is a great opportunity to have a table and interact with the community.

Ms. Pérez stated that she attended the event last year and it was a great. She stated that there is a clean-up in the morning and then food, kayaking and other activities.

The group agreed to have a table. Ms. Smith was asked to confirm the Commission's participation with Ms. Ayers-Fisher. Ms. Aponte, Ms. Pérez, and Ms. Tavaréz will attend and will participate in the clean-up.

Ms. Aponte stated that she will pick up the banner and some giveaways.

Ms. Arias arrived at this time.

- Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Mr. Hernandez stated that he will follow up with Mr. Flores about this event.

- Not One More Project

Mr. Hernandez stated that there is some confusion about recording the conversation. He questioned the topic of the conversation. Ms. Arias stated that it was to be a conversation about violence.

Ms. Aponte requested that this project be delayed as the Commission is busy with other events. The group agreed.

Mr. Hernandez stated that Dr. Grobman will contact people individually.

- Halloween on Penn

Mr. Hernandez suggested that Ms. Tavaréz become more involved in planning this event.

OLD BUSINESS

- Giveaway Order

Mr. Hernandez expressed the belief that this order is important for interacting with the community.

Ms. Arias stated that she sent information to Ms. Smith this evening to order personalized sunglasses. She stated that the sunglasses are \$1.76 each if 100 are ordered. The group decided to order 200.

Ms. Tavaréz stated that wristbands and water bottles were also discussed. Ms. Arias requested that Ms. Tavaréz send the order link to Ms. Smith to process. She noted the need to include the number of each that should be ordered.

Mr. Hernandez requested that he also receive the link.

- Video Contest

Ms. Aponte stated that she did not receive the Canva account information from Ms. Ayers-Fisher so this project has not moved forward.

Ms. Tavaréz noted the need to create a poster and a questionnaire.

Ms. Aponte questioned what information should be requested. The group provided suggestions including name, age, school attended, etc.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he will work with Ms. Aponte on this project.

- Youth Commission Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Hernandez noted his hope that the age adjustment would result in additional members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Membership Update

Ms. Smith stated that one applicant has been contacted several times to submit her background checks and has been unresponsive. She stated that she has moved this applicant into her inactive folder.

Ms. Smith stated that two additional new applicants will have their interviews with the City Council Nominations & Appointments Committee on August 7. She noted her hope that they would be appointed prior to the September meeting.

- Meeting Schedule

Ms. Smith questioned if the Commission wished to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. She noted the need to determine the location of the meetings.

There was a brief discussion regarding a special holiday meeting in December.

Ms. Arias stated that she will contact the YMCA to see if the September – November meetings can be held there.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Hernandez noted his hope that there would be a quorum at the September meeting to hold the election. He stated that he prepared an outline of the duties of each officer. He briefly reviewed the duties of each position.

Mr. Hernandez also reviewed his recommendation that the Commission adopt a policy that the Chairperson must have previously served in another position.

Ms. Tavaréz questioned if any of the new members can be elected to office. Mr. Hernandez stated that this would be a Commission decision but suggested that a new member not act as chair, vice chair or treasurer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 6 pm at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by
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