CITY OF PRESCOTT
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE
September 17, 2019
4:00 p.m.

City Hall Basement Conference Room
201 S. Cortez St.
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Board Meeting held on September 17, 2019 in the City Hall Basement Conference Room located at 201 S. Cortez St., Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Present:
Sierra Christensen
Tessa Dunn, Chair
Jennifer Knight, Vice-Chair
Ridley Mortensen
Paul Napper
Billy Brown
Council Liaison, Councilwoman Scholl
Staff Liaison, Tyler Goodman

Absent(excused):
Sheridan Mengarelli

C. Approval of May 21st meeting minutes

Paul motions. Jennifer seconded. Passed unanimously.

D. Recap of Youth Event

Tessa asked about feedback. We needed a lot more people – more advertising. There wasn't anything negative that happened.

Ridley recommended advertising while still in school.

Paul said to plan the event near the end of school and Sierra recommended to host the activity at the end of May.

E. Recap of Youth Conference

Tessa and Jennifer shared a few things they learned from the conference. A lot of the other youth groups focus on community service and not just events. One did an event just for veterans, another did anti-bullying events, and another did a lantern festival.

F. Discuss general goals and purposes of the board

Tessa asked for general thoughts about this. Sierra said we can focus on community service and getting the high schools involved in service. A lot of teenagers are looking for volunteer hours.

Tessa – one youth board meets with their state legislators and thinks this would be a good idea to get the youth involved in civic engagement. Ridley added that we could meet with our councilmembers.

Tessa asked if we should focus more on community service. We initially discussed helping teenagers want to stay in Prescott, but that is very broad.

Sierra said if you just put on events you're not changing the attitude of wanting to leave Prescott. A goal could be to build a community, which could start with community service.

Ridley – we can't do much on our board to make people want to stay in Prescott. When people leave, they don't come back because there aren't the jobs or opportunities to keep them here. Tessa agreed, but added that helping Prescott teens have a better attitude towards Prescott is important.

Sierra – if you create a community so that people remember it when they leave, then they can influence it in other ways and change the dynamic in the high schools. Tessa said that they can more fully enjoy it while they're here.

Jennifer – knows a new student from Florida who struggles because she doesn't know what to do. Having things to do and a place to belong would help her.

Sierra – we can focus on ideas like good relations between freshman and seniors (Trinity High School has the idea of having the seniors take the freshman to breakfast just to talk).

Tessa ask what the Board could do to further the idea of community service and creating a better community. Hosting a community service fair would be a great idea for us.

Ridley suggested that the Board could volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Tessa – we could partner with other groups who need help like shelters who need help during the winter. We could also work with the VA. The Granite Creek Cleanup is an opportunity as well.

The Board would like to form a subgroup to plan an event at a senior living home. Tessa and Sheridan will lead that effort.

Tessa – the idea came up about having a table at events. Is this something we can do? After discussion it was determined that it is an option after working with the event vendor. The Board can also add information to the City website about the Board.

For the next meeting, the plan was made to have everyone invite the class presidents, student councils, and others who would be represent student bodies at the schools to discuss how to reach out to the students for service opportunities and other things that the Board will be involved in. Tyler will add an agenda item for this for the next meeting to discuss with school reps.

Tessa and Sheridan will meet about coordinating a service opportunity with the elderly.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Tyler Goodman, Assistant to the City Manager

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Tessa Dunn, Chair

Date: 10/15/19