



**Youth Council
February 5th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers
6000 Main St SW Lakewood WA 98499.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chase called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alexandra, Alvin, Ariana, Ava, Bentley, Bridget, Chase, Irie, Jacqueline, Jhoselyn, Kailyn, Katie, Kimberly, Launa, Lincoln, Lucy, Lui, Nevaeh, Ruffaro, Shilo, Kasia, Reinida, Shynieceand Dylan

Members Absent

Angel, Alexis and Violet

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Patti Belle and Trestin Lauricella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Bennett

GUESTS PRESENT: John Unfred, Asst. Police Chief, City of Lakewood and Christopher Davis, Program Coordinator, Neighborhood Connections and Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst, City of Olympia and Dave O'Keeffe, Lion's Club and Meghan Eakin, CPSD

MINUTES

No minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Started with intro for guest and went around the table for everyone
- Feb 17th is the crab feed @ McGavick center. Event starts at 5 but volunteers should arrive at 4:30-4:45. Volunteer hours will be counted from time of arrival til approximately 9:30 (end time will be set based of clean up/ other things needed around the venue)
 - Volunteers will be helping to sell raffle tickets, clear and help serve tables, and keep the overall ambiance clean
 - approx 8 people/table so the more the better
 - attire: dark clothes/all black and/or with youth council shirt

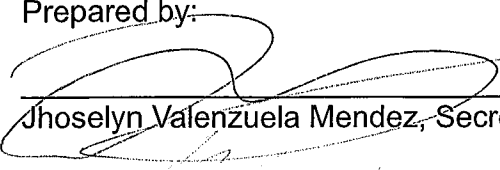
- Sadie from Lacey youth council came over and invited all of us to their youth summit which will take place on Saturday March 16 from 11-3pm on south puget sound community college campus
 - encouraged by many members as it will help us plan better for our own youth summit!
- Chris Davis filled us in on info of community matters. Korean women association has a 'free' building that they are using and would be interested in making it into a hang out space for youth
- Mr. Chris also informed YC of a paid fashion designing internship, ages 16-24, 12-week course plan.
- Had a presentation by LPD about school crime
 - Went over data analyzation and filled in on the student perspective on how to resolve/ lower crime rates on school campuses.
- Youth reflected on lack of communication between organizations, lack of mis/communication between city youth and adults. Create stability between school and out of school activities. Create big doable ideas! (youth internships, active/outdoors activities, youth after school programs, and summer activities)
- Youth summit keynote speaker idea: have more guest talk about their youth and how they received the jobs that they have and how their jobs impact us/the city
 - dedicate some YC meeting time to have more guest/ create more engagement between youth and adults
 - possibly; bring in parents and show them why YC is powerful and see how they can also be involved in helping the community
- Free events to help everyone expand their network(s) and seeing how both parties are equally as important to a city
- CCSB will hold onto opioid funding money and seek community voices as to what should be done with the settlement
 - First start with HS, talk with advisors before giving survey to MS/ how to ease exposure to hard topics
 - Mention the accessibility of fentanyl laced into other drugs and how to detect it, treat it, and avoid it
- Add/ introduce narcan, fentanyl, and other drugs so people are aware of what they are dealing with
- Dedicate next agenda/ meeting to the sole focus of start the final steps of our youth summit
- Create a solid plan of what we want the city council to do/talk about during our event.
- mid-year celebration activity; options discussed were bowling, as far as dates we said hypothetically during spring break/ after youth summit
- Create a shared google/word doc to keep track of how far everyone is into their planning of youth summit and to keep everyone on track for our big day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38p.m.

Prepared by:

Date: 02/08/2024


Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez, Secretary


Angel Calderon Ramirez, Chair


Date