



Youth Council
March 4th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers
6000 Main St SW Lakewood WA 98499.

CALL TO ORDER

Angel and Chase called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alexandra, Alexis, Alvin, Angel, Ariana, Bentley, Bridget, Chase, Dylan, Irie, Jaqueline, Jhoselyn, Kaitlyn, Kasia, Lui, Lincoln, Lucy, Reinada, Shilo, Violet

Members Absent

Ava, Katherine, Kimberly, Launa, Nevaeh, Ruffaro, Shyniece

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Patti Belle and Trestin Lauricella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Bennett

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary McDougal, Hannah Hillig, Carolina Alba, Tracey Freeman, City of Lakewood Human Resources Staff

MINUTES

February 20th minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Opened with “what would be your dj name?” Ice breaker prompted by Angel.
- City of Lacey Youth Summit attendees list was made, and the people willing/can participate are: Lui, Violet, Kasia, Reinida, Kaitlyn, Angel, and Dylan. (Transportation unfortunately cannot be provided by Shannon or COL so it is up to personal will.)
- Food for youth summit was brought up; request was Chipotle, Jimmy Johns, Main Squeeze Lemonade, Coffee truck and other vendors.

- Raffle prizes that were discussed were electronics, squishmellos but we agreed to focus on that for the next meeting.
- Shannon presented members with 2 photo booth vendors. Members will decide on a vendor during the March 18th meeting.
- Guests from the City of Lakewood Human Resource Department (Carlina, Tracy, Mary, and Hannah) talked about their path to HR and gave advice on payroll, new hire(s), policies, work accommodation, safety, recruitment, interviews, negotiation, contracts, employment issues.
- **Updates on quest for the youth summit:**
 - political advocacy: Dylan has not heard back.
 - College prep: Ashley stiles is appreciated but as a council we have shifted away and Jacqueline will contact Palmer Scholars and see if they are willing/able to come.
 - Confidence building: Louisa Burns has shown interest in helping us but will update us on her availability; Kevin Rupperecht has not been contacted.
- Grant Twyman cannot make it as our emcee, so ideas are appreciated. Shannon approached Jordan Jones with Communities in Schools. Waiting for his confirmation.
- Youth are interested in seeing if there can be more internship/summer programs.
- Shannon will email us a volunteer opportunity for the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Dr. Claudia Thomas Gala.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Prepared by:

Date: 03/05/2024



 Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez, Secretary



 Angel Calderon Ramirez, Chair



 Date