



**Youth Council
March 18th, 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 4:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alexandra, Alexis, Alvin, Angel, Ariana, Bentley, Bridget, Chase, Irie, Jhoselyn, Kasia, Kimberly, Lui, Lincoln, Lucy, Nevaeh, Reinada, and Ruffaro.

Members Absent

Ava, Irie, Jaqueline, Dylan, Kaitlyn, Kathrine, Violet, Launa, Shilo, and Shyniece.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Patti Belle and Trestin Lauricella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Bennett

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Vargas, Asst. to the City Manager / Policy Analyst and Turner Cagle and Roxy Magno from Multi-cultural Child and Family Hope Center

MINUTES

March 4th minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

No council member update and no ice breaker due to time crunch.

Had guest Turner and Roxy from Multi-cultural family and hope center come and give us an overview of what their organization does, how they help and how they want to help in the future to better communities in Tacoma and/or Lakewood.

- Roxy runs a non-profit called "Krownless" which offers safe space for teens and late nights to help engage more youth.

- "HE" AND "Sistership of Strength" (SOS) are after school/evening clubs held to help people from ages 16-24 get council if needed, have a safe space to hangout and be free from dangerous situations.

- Turner host March madness night with TCC basketball.

- MCFHC has a VR workforce system that can potentially be used for the youth summit.

- Next MCFHC/SOS event will Thursday April 4th, from 1-3pm.

- Hypothetical opportunity for statewide round table discussion on Sexual Harassment Prevention

- Pierce County Community Engagement Council could help set internships and jobs

- Could be 12-16 weeks depending on the job and paid

Michael Vargas came and gave us an overview of his job and city-wise employment along with a brainstorming session on how we can create more youth centric jobs. Discussed youth summer internships and what we imagine.

Youth Summit

- Agreed to finalize questions for City Council panel discussion by April 1st and take an overview of Dylan's question list.
- Confirmed our coffee truck and picked an option for the Photo Booth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

Date: 03/20/2024



Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez, Secretary



Angel Calderon Ramirez, Chair

5-20-24

Date