



**Youth Council
May 06, 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 4:46 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alexandra, Alexis, Alvin, Ava, Bridget, Chase, Dylan, Irie, Jaqueline, Jhoselyn, Kaitlyn, Kimberly, Lincoln, Lucy, Lui, Nevaeh, Reinada, Ruffaro, Shilo and Violet.

Members Absent

Angel, Ariana, Bentley, Kasia, Katie, Launa and Shyniece

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Patti Belle and Trestin Lauricella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Bennett

GUESTS PRESENT: Paul Bucich, Public Works Engineering Director and Troy Pokswinski, Civil Engineer City of Lakewood Public Works & Chris Davis, Program Coordinator - Neighborhood Connections · Community & Economic Development

MINUTES

April 1, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

No council member update provided.

Guest Presentations

Team Wrk Foundation Presentation – Lonnetta Cunningham led the students in fun exercises and gave away cool prizes.

Lakewood's CHOICE Presentation – Lisa Watt banks and Marcos Sauri led students in a healthy discussion about what happens when someone is caught using, in possession of or selling illegal substances.

Youth Empowerment Summit Update

Shannon reported having confirmed the following:

1. Students from Pierce College will be leading youth advocacy break-out session with an emphasis on communicating with legislators, your message and networking.
2. Students confirmed Council questions. Shannon confirmed questions were delivered to the City Council.

2024/2025 Youth Council Planning Discussion.

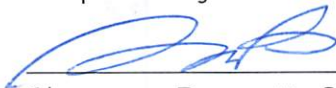
Shannon asked returning members to think about what they want next year's youth council to look like to include choosing 2-3 initiatives to work on and encouraged members to share initiatives they are passionate about and may already be working on through their involvement with other youth groups. Also, think about the role the adult facilitator should take on and how often and for how long meetings will occur. A portion of the May 20th and June 3rd meetings will be dedicated to next year's planning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Prepared by:

Date: 05/15/2024



Shannon Bennett, Coordinator



Angel Calderon Ramirez, Chair

05/20/2024

Date