

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

October 25, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Ramires on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 5:40 P.M. in the Frank Art Museum, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Board Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Members Ramirez, Grunnum, Keegan, Joseph, Nicolas, Harkas, West, Harris and Young

ABSENT: Members Robaina, Bindra, Gomez and Harkas

ALSO PRESENT: Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager/ Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts; Holly Bonkowski, Assistant Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts; Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member West, seconded by Member Harris to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes as received passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Nicolas, seconded by Member Joseph to excuse Member Gomez from the October meeting passed unanimously.

ACTION IDEAS:

Members had brainstorming session on activities this board could sponsor. These are listed as:

Member Joseph – Career Fair – like in schools, booths for businesses to share their career opportunities with students. Help students gain knowledge of careers in the City, career paths they can follow after high school graduation. First hand introduction to businesses and leaders in the City.

Member West – Recycling – recently discovered the City is not collecting recycling items right now – when program is running again, focus on how youth can assist in recycling – getting the information out.

Member West – after COVID students went to local elementary and tutored students in literacy, reading.

Member Young – plan coordinated cross school and clubs event to create a common bond – could use sporting events to promote. There is a lack of communication between schools.

Member Ramirez – Black History month – there is no large one day event in the City – the Diversity and Heritage Board was mentioned, that is their objective – to promote knowledge and understanding about different cultures and celebrations.

Member West – perhaps the agenda could be sent to the board members.

Member Young – Could the board hear some of the ideas of the Diversity and Heritage board, it might help create ideas – help promote events that are already happening.

Member Young – would like to hear from the supervisor of elections, how polls are set up, working at polls, students registering to vote.

Miramar has banners on the light poles promoting events – or large banners on street corners.

Member Ramirez – stickers/hashtags on posts.

Member Young – post on your own account when you are at a City event – to promote the event.

Sponsor community events – how does the City promote events discussion on media ensued.

Member Young asked if HOA's controlled water/sewer – C. Sorensen answered that the City controls all of that. C. Sorensen will send out some information about the recycling situation to the members so they can understand.

Member Harris – mentioned school common bond opportunities.

NEXT MEETING:

Members were reminded the next meeting date is Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 6:26 PM passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Adjourned: 6:26 PM
Approved: 11//8/2023