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## **MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday January 15, 2015**

**Monica Roybal Center**

**717 Agua Fria**

**4:45 – 6:00 pm**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. New Business:**

**A. Election of Vice Chair**

**B. Additional Member Recruitment efforts**

**C. Valentine's Day Mayor's Food Drive Coordination**

**D. Determination of Youth Projects for 2015**

**E. Determination of 2015 Meeting Locations**

**3. Old Business:**

**A. Youth Summit Meeting – Discussion of process and involvement**

**4. Discussion items for the next meeting**

**5. Matters from the Committee**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**  
**January 15, 2015**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Brittney Gurule, Chair on this date at 4:45 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated a quorum was present for conducting official business as follows:

**Members Present:**

Brittany Gurule, Chair  
Brianna Trujillo, Vice Chair  
Rudy Flores  
Alicia Trujillo  
Jared P. Lucero  
Manuel Segura

**Member(s) Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Chris Sanchez, Children and Youth Commission  
Victor Vigil, Ortega Teen Center

**Others Present:**

Mayor Javier Gonzales  
Councilor Ron Trujillo  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Election of Vice Chair**

**Following a written tally and vote, Brianna Trujillo was elected as Vice Chair.**

### **b. Additional Member Recruitment efforts**

Chair Gurule mentioned that recruitment efforts for additional members has proven to be difficult because the youth who are interested in serving on the Board are also involved in sports.

Mr. Sanchez asked if there are any efforts going on to include other schools like ATC.

Chair Gurule said she has spoken to a friend of hers who attends the School for the Arts and she is considering it.

Councilor Trujillo suggested that a letter be sent to the principals of the different schools and ask them to put out an announcement about the Board vacancies.

Mr. Sanchez said it would be good to reach out to different youth, such as a youth member from Youth Works or Youth Shelters.

Chair Gurule asked the Board Members to think of prospective candidates.

### **c. Valentine's Day Mayor's Food Drive Coordination**

Chair Gurule said since the Mayor's Advisory Board did not have a Mayor's food drive for New Year's, she was thinking that the Board could have a Valentine's Day Mayor's Food Drive.

Mr. Flores asked what the role of the Members would be.

Chair Gurule explained that the Board Members would get food donations, take them to the schools and announce that there is a Food Drive going on. She asked the Board if they like this idea.

*There was consensus to do the Mayor's Food Drive on Valentine's Day.*

Jared Lucero will be in charge of coordinating it.

#### **d. Determination of Youth Projects for 2015**

The following suggestions were made for Youth Projects/activities for 2015:

- Continuation of the Fun Run at the end of the summer-as a fundraising opportunity
- Some kind of inspiration for younger kids – such as a college student who can be a role model for the younger kids, possibly a student from UNM, or a notable figure, who can talk about the benefits of education, and share their experiences
- Concert for Fiestas, possibly at Zozobra
- Bring in the entire teen community for some kind of event, so that schools won't feel separated.
- Student Art Market, similar to the Spanish or Indian Market where students from all high schools can sell their art to the community.
- Sports facilities, somewhere where the youth can play basketball, for example.
- Softball tournaments – invite teams from around New Mexico, and possibly they could play against a team of City Councilors.

Mr. Sanchez noted that the Youth Summit date has been pushed back. They would like the Youth Summit to be driven from the kids and use the MYAB as a conduit for this, and a conduit for the different things that can be done.

Chair Gurule said they could advise the school boards or student councils at their assemblies about the Board and get their ideas.

Mr. Vigil said the Board will start being active and involved with the student councils to let the Presidents know what is going on.

Mr. Sanchez said they are proposing to invite all of the high schools, middle schools and the private schools to have a kick-off event. They would like the Board to move forward on some issues they heard at the Youth Summit and provide feedback on any actions that can be taken to the Governing Body.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned that they had a forum last night with approximately 50 people, mainly parents. However, there were two girls present who talked about their suicide attempts as the result of bullying. They have since pulled themselves out of this, and are trying to find a way to advocate for those kids who do not have a voice in the community. Mr. Sanchez would like the Board to think about doing an anti-bullying campaign to address these specific areas (from the kid's point of view).

Mr. Sanchez said they found out that the anti-bullying policies are only done in English, so the Spanish-speaking individuals did not know that they had a recourse if they are being bullied.

Ms. Trujillo noted that they had two adults who spoke about bullying at their

school when she was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. One was the bully and the other was the one who was being bullied; they spoke about their experiences and it was very powerful.

Mr. Sanchez thinks it would be powerful for kids to help kids because kids usually listen to other kids.

Mr. Sanchez said the City would be officially taking over the Zona del Sol building at the end of this month. He explained that the building was never built out the way it was supposed to and they need ideas from the youth on what they would like to see.

Mr. Vigil mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club has some money that they can use for Teen Night and maybe the Board can think of ideas for that.

Chair Gurule introduced Mayor Gonzales.

Mayor Gonzales said he is interested in hearing some of the Board's thoughts and ideas. He said all of the people at the City want to make sure that the youth has the best town and environment to grow up in; and that the youth feels safe here; and feels that there are things to do here.

Mayor Gonzales said they want to create the pathways for the youth to graduate, go to college, earn good incomes and work and live here. He said the City needs the help of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board to help put together the Youth Summit and they need to get the youth of Santa Fe involved.

Councilor Trujillo mentioned that the Mayor has an initiative for the Santa Fe Plaza and he and Kate Noble are working on programming. He said this is a perfect place to have a youth night, as well as having events in other locations in Santa Fe, other than the Plaza.

Mayor Gonzales said having movie nights around town would be great. They could be held in different parks around town, have food vendors and music for the youth. This is the type of programming that the Mayor and City Councilors would like to hear from this Board. He said events like "Open Mic's" nights are fun events to do.

Mayor Gonzales suggested that the Board do a calendar of events or activities, like picking two or three nights in the summer to have a youth night and build on this. He said the Plaza is our heritage for over 400 years and the Plaza was a place where our parents and grandparents worked and shopped. They want kids to be reminded of their heritage, and how special Santa Fe is. Many kids around the world do not have this special heritage that we have.

Mayor Gonzales said having said all that, there is also the practical side: making it more convenient for families to be closer to home. He said Ragel Park would

be a nice place to have a youth night in the evening to bring the youth together.

Councilor Trujillo said they are presently working on the next budget cycle and he would like to talk to the Finance Committee and the Finance Department about looking to see if they can program some money to this Board. This way they could have a fund that would be specifically dedicated to this Board. It wouldn't be a lot of money to start with, but it would be a beginning.

Mayor Gonzales said they would also like to hear about the other things that youth are combating: drugs in school; alcohol and kids who are dealing with mental health issues and are not finding support at home, suicides, truancy, etc. He said possibly this Board can help the City do some outreach, provide a care network and connect these individuals to the resources. This could save a person's life.

He said this Board is a link for them to understand and know how to communicate to this generation. Communication is very important and tweeting, and Instagram and Facebook are probably not the best way to communicate. Some youth do not have access to social media, or are just disconnected or disengaged. They need to find ways to communicate to these youth and get help for these youth.

Mayor Gonzales suggested that the Board think about these things as they move forward. He said he needs this Board to be the voice on anti-bullying, and communicate to their peers about the seriousness of bullying and why they shouldn't be doing this.

Ms. Trujillo said it would be great to have a webpage for the Board.

Mayor Gonzales said there should be a website that has a list of the youth events that are going on around the City to bring the youth together. He said the development of the webpage could be the role of this Board.

Mr. Vigil noted that there is a webpage for this Board that is handled through the City but it needs to be updated.

Mayor Gonzales recommended that the Board come up with a brand for youth, because some people may not remember the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board. He said a hashtag could be done that is specifically for Santa Fe youth, so that every youth event could be shared on this hashtag.

Councilor Trujillo suggested that the Board Members reach out to their respective Student Councils and inform them of the events. They could include these events in their agendas and bulletins.

Mayor Gonzales offered to go into the schools and talk about what the City does.

**e. Determination of 2015 Meeting Locations**

Chair Gurule said starting next month until May 2015, the Board will be meeting at the various schools.

The Stenographer noted that she had a conflict on the third Thursday of the month. The Board agreed to move the meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month.

The 2015 meeting locations are as follows:

February 26<sup>th</sup> at Santa Fe Prep

March 12<sup>th</sup> at Capital High School (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday instead of 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Santa Fe High School

May 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's High School

June 25<sup>th</sup> at City Hall in the Council Chambers or Councilors' Conference Room

July – The Board will take off the month of July and return in August.

\*All meeting times are scheduled for 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Vigil will send emails to the Board Members to remind them of the meeting dates and locations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Youth Summit Meeting – Discussion of process and involvement**

Mr. Sanchez said as reported earlier, the Youth Summit meeting was originally scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> but he is going to reschedule it. He will let the Board know the new date once it is rescheduled.

Mr. Sanchez said they want a good blend of youth from every grade, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and those kids who may be disengaged or disconnected, to be involved in the Youth Summit meeting. He said the Board will need to strategize how they will bring the youth in.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The Board Members were asked to send discussion items for the next meeting to Chair Gurule and Victor Vigil on the first Monday of each month so that the agenda can be published.

**MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

There were no matters from the Board.

## **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

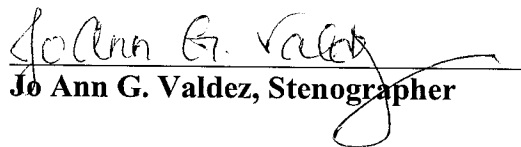
## **ADJOURNMENT**

Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Brittany Gurule, Chair

Respectively submitted by:

  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer