

Mayor's Youth Advisory Board Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 4:30-5:30 P.M. City of Santa Fe Rail Yard Offices 500 Market Street Station Suite 200

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# **MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

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## MINUTES OF THE

## **CITY OF SANTA FE**

## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

## **MEETING**

## Santa Fe, New Mexico January 26, 2017

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Chris Sanchez on this date at 4:40 p.m. at 500 Market Station, Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

There was not a quorum present to conduct official business; therefore, the Board held a discussion session.

## **Members Present:**

Anthony "Tony" Ibarra, Chair Adrian Olivas, Vice Chair Augustine Martinez Autumn Pino

#### Member(s) Absent:

Rudy Flores Vanessa Morales Alicia Trujillo, excused

#### Staff Present:

Richard DeMella, Youth and Family Services Division Chris Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director Victor Vigil, Carlos Ortega Center

## **Others Present:**

Katherine Courtney, SF Community Foundation-Birth to Career Collaboration Salome F. Block, VISTA - Birth to Career Collaboration Tom Dubois, VISTA - Birth to Career Collaboration Anastacia Galloway, Eagle Rock School Dan Hoffman, Eagle Rock School Alishiya Kapoor, VISTA - Birth to Career Collaboration Gus Martinez, Santa Fe County Assessor

Emily Stern, Santa Fe Community College Molly Timmins, VISTA - Birth to Career Collaboration Councilor Renee Villarreal Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval of the Agenda was not made due to the lack of a quorum.

## INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 17, 2016

Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting was not made due to the lack of a quorum.

## a. Eagle Rock/MYAB/SWAT/SFCF VISTA - Action Plan Updates and Progress

Mr. Sanchez said because it is hard for youth to go out to the community and do these things, VISTA members have taken on the things that need to be done and are making connections within the community. Then the VISTA members and the Board will bring all these together prior to the Youth Summit in March.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board has selected the top priority action items and they are: Enhancing Homeless Youth Support; Bullying/Anti-bullying; Job Opportunities; Community Activities; mental health and Alleviating Financial Stress. The goal is to create steps to move these items forward and design action items to do this.

At this point in the meeting, the Board Members and the guests present broke into groups to talk about where they are in their action groups since the last meeting.

Dan Hoffman asked the groups to provide a status update for their groups.

Tony Ibarra said their group was working on bullying/anti-bulling. He said they are doing pretty good and have gotten some action items out there.

Anastacia Galloway asked him if he remembers what their goal is and where are they going and what is the aim – is it to eliminate bullies?

Tony Ibarra said yes, to eliminate bullies as much as they can.

Molly Timmins and Adrian Olivas said they are now a combination between community activities and job development.

Ms. Timmins said she has been working with SWAT (Student Wellness Action Team) to put on a movie night in the next couple of months. She also wants to work with Chris Sanchez to get connected with other organizations that have resources to do this.

Mr. Olivas said they worked on finding connections and places to hold trainings. They are also calling businesses and researched places to hold meetings.

Tom Dubois said his group is homeless youth support. He said yesterday he met with a woman at the Santa Fe Community College in trying to figure out if they can work with Adelante to develop a mentorship program where Adelante will work with homeless youth in the schools. They would pair them with an older kid at the Community College who is, or has experienced housing issues.

In addition to that, Mr. Dubois met with Adelante and brain-stormed a couple of different ideas (big and small) on how to get the Community College more involved with them.

Mr. Dubois said he has an open line of communication with Youth Shelters and Street Outreach and he was able to distill a couple of possible actions out of that and he will see where that goes.

He said with Adelante Youth Shelters, YouthWorks got involved with starting an emergency shelter for youth 18-25 years of age. This opened on Martin Luther King Day.

Chair Villarreal asked where this is opened now.

Mr. Dubois said it is roving and he thinks this week it is at the Unitarian Church.

Augustine Martinez said his group covered mental health and they discussed doing a campaign called "Let's Talk about It" to get people to feel comfortable to talk about immigration and mental health issues that they may be having.

Chris Sanchez added that they hosted a meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Workforce Solutions and she has committed her staff resources to develop this job center for the City in partnership with the MYAB. They have already identified a location and they would like to have the framework together before the Youth Summit. He noted that they talked about the homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24 and the fact that this population continues to grow.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned that they just completed a meeting with the Human Services Committee and Board Member, Brian Serna has offered to take on a subcommittee to develop a mental health and substance abuse 2-day conference for the community.

Mr. Sanchez said with regards to alleviating financial stress, they have reached out to Guadalupe Credit Union and they are willing to partner with the City to help put on

some financial classes to help alleviate financial stress.

He said in terms of bullying, they have talked to a group called "Beyond Bullying" and they are willing to participate with MYAB and the City. He noted that the City has implemented a bullying policy like the Santa Fe Public Schools has in place. He said they have only received two calls of bullying issues that are happening in the Santa Fe Public Schools and this tells him that the system is not working as it should. He thinks they need to spend a little more time in looking at the system as a whole.

Mr. Sanchez said with regards to activities, he talked with one of the City's staff administrators (Edith Martinez) and she has asked that the group talk with her about funding teen nights and she will connect them to the three organizations that are receiving the funding for teen nights. He said they have also talked about the potential of moving to the south side of town and these organizations are willing to come to the table to provide the funding to get this done and they need to coordinate that.

Mr. Hoffman thanked everybody and said they are doing awesome work. He explained that there are two main objectives today and 1) is working on a protocol on what is going to happen on March 31<sup>st</sup> (Youth Summit) and 2) Allow work time to figure out how is this going to be presented and what is it going to look like; work on some action items and get some of those completed.

Mr. Sanchez said they are currently recruiting facilitators for the Youth Summit. He said he also wants the kids to know that their messages were heard last year and that they are following through. He would like to add a strong inspirational message in closing the Youth Summit.

Mr. DeMella thinks the closing piece is important and big, so that the kids can get out what they want to say and as adults, we absorb that and get an understanding of what is going on. He does not want the kids to feel short-changed at the end of the Youth Summit.

Ms. Timmins said one of the important things that we need is to come up with a comprehensive list of what is happening because obviously, it is not all happening through one person. There are things happening through the City, at the schools, through Birth to Career Collaboration and we need to figure out how to ascertain everything.

Mr. Olivas asked if they are trying to recruit new members for the MYAB within the inspiration closing piece-to get more youth involved and to get them to take more initiative and more action in their community.

Mr. Vigil said yes.

Ms. Galloway said today's agenda will include:

## Today:

- Welcome
- Check-in (Report Out)
- What?
- So What?
- Now What?
- Work Time
- Debrief

Ms. Galloway reviewed the agenda for last year's Youth Summit and the proposed agenda for this year's Youth Summit as follows:

Last Year:	This Year:
Welcome, Introductions	Welcome
Round 1- Workshop  Round 2 - Workshop  Lunch	Group Report – About Topic, Goal, Progress with past year What are the past wins and future opportunities?  Feedback Session #1 } Feedback Session #2 } Get ideas and feedback.
Report Out	Lunch Closing-Report Out and Commitments for next year.
	Inspiring closing out message - inspire membership and involvement.

Ms. Galloway said they would like to discuss the What? (what are you seeing-differences or things that are missing). So What? (What does this mean to you? What are you thinking about now? What are some of the questions you might have?) And Now

What? (Where are we going with this? What do we need to do?)

After a brain-storming work session, the following suggestions/recommendations were made:

What?	So What?	Now What?
Report out from each group.	<ul> <li>Size of Summit (Small)</li> <li>Honor youth voice at closing</li> <li>Celebrate successes</li> <li>How do we decide on the invitation list?</li> <li>How will we gather feedback?</li> <li>How do we design feedback workshop?</li> <li>Ensure clarity of roles - youth driven.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rally the troops.</li> <li>Slogan that is powerful- "United We have a Voice"</li> <li>List of successes and actions.</li> <li>Inspire membership and involvement for next year.</li> <li>Determine who to invite and ensure diversity of list.</li> <li>Determine timing and supplies needed and agenda during sessions, i.e., icebreakers.</li> </ul>

Mr. DeMella noted that the Resource Center will be opening in May.

# b. Teen Summit report presentation to SFPS/School for the Deaf/Indian School TBD

This agenda item was not discussed.

## COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from the Board Members.

#### COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Renee Villarreal said she would like to hear from the group and youth about power, class, and race issues particularly because of the political climate we have now. She said there are organizations in the community who are already addressing these and there are tools that they could utilize. She noted that Emily Stern works at the Santa Fe Community College and would be a great resource for the work she does for the Center of Diversity. She would like to discuss how these topics fit and maybe this could be a future agenda item.

## REPORT FROM STAFF

There was no report from staff.

## MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Emily Stern is with Santa Fe Community College. She said she works with the teachers in the community and there are a lot of teachers who make assumptions or generalizations about who you are and making decisions based on those assumptions. She asked if there was a way to include something like this in the Youth Summit, if not, at a later date. She said the MYAB could consider doing an initiative to voice concerns about this because this is valuable information.

Ms. Courtney said a lot of what Ms. Stern is saying is a lot of what Poet, Jimmy Santiago Baca is saying and he will be having a workshop on March 11<sup>th</sup> and maybe they could invite the youth and teachers to get involved.

Ms. Galloway said this could be an initiative for Eagle Rock.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at 500 Market Station from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Its business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Anthony "Tony" Ibarra, Chair

Respectively submitted by

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer