



Agenda

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Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

Thursday October 26th, 2017

4:30-5:30 P.M.

737 Agua Fria Street

Santa Fe NM 87501

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Introductions of Board Members and Guests
- V. Approval of Minutes None
- VI. Action Items:
 - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - B. MYAB Orientation
 - C. Introduction of Staff and AmeriCorp VISTA Members
 - D. Initiatives and Projects
 - F. Approval of meeting Calendar
- VII. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
- VIII. Comments from Councilor Renee Villarreal
- IX Report from Staff
- X Matters from the Floor
- XI: Next meeting November 30th 2017
- XII Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING

Santa Fe, New Mexico
October 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 4:33 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Center, 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

There was a quorum present to conduct official business as follows:

Members Present:

Adrian Olivas
Barath Kurapati, newly appointed
Teya Martinez, newly appointed
Megan Sarkissian, newly appointed

Member(s) Absent:

Anthony "Tony" Ibarra-Rivera, Chair, resigned

Staff Present:

Richard De Mella, Juvenile Justice Planner
Chris Sanchez, Community Services Division Director
Julie Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Program Manager
Victor Vigil, Carlos Ortega Center/Monica Roybal Center

Others Present:

Ellie Hoffman, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Floria Johnson-Mason, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Franchesca Pino, visitor
Molly Timmons, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Councilor Renee Villarreal
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Adrian Olivas, seconded by Teya Martinez to approve the Agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

The newly appointed Board Members introduced themselves and each of them gave a brief explanation on why they were interested in serving on the Board. They are: Barath Kurapati, Teya Martinez and Megan Sarkissian. They were appointed at last night's City Council meeting.

Franchesca Pino is interested in serving on the Board. She was asked to submit a letter of interest and a resume.

The guests also introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chris Sanchez asked if there were any nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair. He noted that the new Chair will be responsible for working with Victor Vigil on putting together the agendas for the meetings. The Vice Chair will serve as Chair when the Chair is not present.

Following discussion, there was consensus to postpone the election of the Chair and Vice Chair until the new members know what they are signing up for because most of the Board Members are new. This will give them time to understand their roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Sanchez said he will check with legal on this but he thinks this is a fair request given that most of the Board Members are new.

B. MYAB Orientation

Chris Sanchez said the Governing Body and City Council brought forth the Resolution creating the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) to get the youth's input and feedback on issues that are important to them. He offered to bring copies of the Resolution that created the Board to the next meeting.

He explained the meeting process for the newly appointed Board Members, which includes following Roberts Rules of Order for conducting meetings.

He said there has already been a lot of work done through this Board that the new Board can review and assess, so that they will know what direction that they want to go. He asked Mr. Vigil to give a brief report on the events or activities that MYAB has done.

Mr. Vigil said in the eight years that he has been involved with the Board, they have participated or accomplished the following:

- The decorated parking meter project where the proceeds were donated to the Cancer Center.
- A youth art display at the Convention Center.
- Free bus passes for youth.
- Several food drives at high schools.
- Youth summits were done in 2006 and 2017.

Councilor Villarreal asked if Mr. Vigil knew what year the MYAB was created.

Mr. Vigil said in 1988 or 1989 when Debbie Jaramillo was Mayor.

Mr. Sanchez said he came on board in 2013 and has had an opportunity to participate with MYAB. He mentioned that shortly after the Mayor was elected, he wanted to put on a youth summit and MYAB (along with Eagle Rock out of Colorado) was asked to put together the second summit. The focus was to identify the issues that concern youth. The priorities were identified as follows: Job opportunities; alleviating financial stress; mentorship options; lack of community activities; bullying; support for homeless youth; immigrant and Hispanic/Latino educational opportunities; youth political involvement; healthier food in schools; Kid's P.E., sports for girls and school funding.

Julie Sanchez noted that two other things were brought up and they are substance abuse and behavioral and mental health. This was discussed further under the agenda item: "*Initiatives and Projects*".

C. Introduction of Staff and AmeriCorps VISTAS Members

Staff members and AmeriCorps VISTA Members introduced themselves and gave a brief history of their respective backgrounds.

D. Initiatives and Projects

Mr. Sanchez said they started to work on some of these things and some strategies have been developed. He reviewed the priority list and provided an update as follows:

- **Job Opportunities and Alleviating Financial Stress** – a job center is currently being created and developed. Prior Board Member, Augustine Martinez took charge of this and had a meeting with the Workforce Solutions of the State of New Mexico to get the small businesses together and start talking about connecting youth to potential jobs in this community. Three meetings have happened and this will come to light sometime in January 2018. Augustine Martinez passed on his baton to his sister, Teya Martinez. Augustine Martinez graduated from high school and is now in college.
- **Mentorship Options** – This was talked about in terms in how to connect youth with people who can mentor them. The options/details have not been discussed.
- **Lack of Community Activities** – A Request for Proposal has gone out for funding for a Teen Night program. This could include things like having movie nights for teens at different high schools or potentially at the Railyard, bowling for teens, etc.
- **Bullying** – anti-bullying policies have been implemented at the Santa Fe Public Schools.

Mr. De Mella mentioned that youth are being bullied by social media (cyber-bullying), through Facebook, Instagram, etc. This is something that adults did not have to deal with. Youth/teens have committed suicide because of cyber-bullying and this is a serious issue.

- **Support for homeless youth** – during the youth summit, it was determined that many of the homeless youth in this community go to school and this is another important issue that needs to be addressed.
- **Immigrant and Hispanic/Latino Educational Opportunities** – there is fear in the immigrant community about being deported and taken away from their families. This is a huge issue in our community.
- **Youth Political Involvement** – There is interest in getting youth involved in the political process and a suggestion was made to include a youth member on the Santa Fe Public Schools Board.
- **Healthier Food in Schools** – Youth need to be physically active to prevent obesity and they need to have healthier food in schools.

- Kid's P.E. and Sports for Girls – need to do a better job on focusing on girls' sports as much as we do boys' sports.
- School funding – a lot of fundraising has to be done in order for kids to participate in events and activities that schools put on.
- Substance abuse and behavioral and mental health – there was a lot of discussion at the Youth Summit about youth being able to access substance abuse and behavioral and mental health services. There was also discussion about having support services for those who know a classmate or loved one who has committed suicide.

Julie Sanchez said substance abuse not only impacts our youth but our families as well. We have a high number of incidents of opioid addictions and alcoholism in our community. She said she looks forward to seeing strategies from the youths' perspective.

Councilor Villarreal said these are issues that other groups and the Youth Summit participants came up with but that does not preclude this Board from thinking of other areas that they would like to focus on, or things that personally affect them or their families.

Victor Vigil mentioned that the 2017 Youth Summit is on video and is available for review on the City's website.

Mr. Sanchez noted that there is a group called "SWAT" (Student Wellness Action Team) and he would like the Board to be able to partner with them in terms of moving things forward.

Mr. Sanchez asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Villarreal asked the new Board Members how they found out about the Board and the majority of them said they knew Victor Vigil from coming to the Monica Roybal Center. One of them knew him from the Santa Fe Fiesta Council.

Chris Sanchez reviewed the initiatives and projects of the Board.

E. Approval of Meeting Calendar

Copies of the Meeting Calendar for 2018 were distributed. The Board will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month (unless it falls on a Holiday) at 4:30 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Center. Board Members were asked to try and attend the monthly meetings and if they are unable to attend, please call Victor Vigil and let him know if you will not be attending so that they can establish whether or not there is a quorum for conducting business.

MOTION: A motion was made by Adrian Olivas, seconded by Megan Sarkissian to approve the 2018 Meeting Calendar.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from the Chair and Board Members.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Villarreal welcomed the new Board Members and said it is exciting to have them here. She thinks the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is very important because it gives the Governing Body ideas and policy recommendations, so they can start looking at how they can better support the youth in our city.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Sanchez welcomed the new Board Members and said he is looking forward to working with all of the Board Members.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

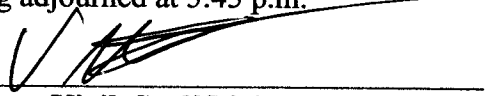
There were no matters from the floor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was moved to the fifth Thursday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer