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Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

Wednesday April 26, 2018

4:30-5:30 P.M.

Monica Roybal Center

737 Agua Fria Street

Santa Fe NM 87501

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

Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 26, 2018

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Teya Martinez, Chair on this date at 4:30 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Youth Center, Conference Room, 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Members Present:

Teya Martinez, Chair
Rudy Flores, Vice Chair
Barath Kurapati
Megan Sarkissian

Members Absent:

Teynnih Nomie Currier
Yazmin Holguin
Jayden Madrid
Franchesca Pino
Melissa Ruiz

Staff Present:

Richard De Mella, Juvenile Justice Planner
Lisa Noriega, Water Conservation Office
Michele Reich, Santa Fe Public Library, La Farge Branch
Jessica Gulliford, Santa Fe Public Library, La Farge Branch
Chris Sanchez, Community Services Division Director
Victor Vigil, Monica Roybal Teen Center

Others Present:

Molly Timmons, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Councilor Renee Villarreal
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

DRAFT: SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to add Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2018 Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Rudy Flores, seconded by Megan Sarkissian to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 28, 2018 meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Megan Sarkissian, seconded by Barath Kurapati to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

February 22, 2018 meeting:

MOTION: A motion was made by Rudy Flores, seconded by Megan Sarkissian to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

A. Discussion on Resolution and Roles and Responsibilities

Richard De Mella said he thinks there are enough members on the Board now. He said the Board is also allowed to have substitutes who have the authority to vote.

He asked if the Board Members had any questions on the roles and responsibilities as it pertains to the Board.

Chair Martinez said she did not have anything and asked if the other Board Members did. They did not have any questions.

Richard De Mella said he did not have copies of the Resolution today but he will send it to Victor Vigil and he will send it out electronically to the Board Members.

Richard De Mella asked if there were any questions and there were none.

B. Discussion on Job Center

Richard De Mella said he would like the Board to work with him and the Juvenile Justice Board starting in July to get the Job Center up and running. He said they want to get the input from the Board and young people on the Job Center. The Juvenile Justice Board meets on the even months of the year. The next meeting is scheduled for June.

Job Fair

Chair Martinez said there was a good turnout for the Job Fair. There were a lot of people there and the Job Fair went well. Members of AmeriCorps VISTAS and librarians assisted with preparing resumes.

Victor Vigil noted that the City has been hiring youth who came out of the Job Fair. They are in the process of getting the applications approved.

Richard De Mella mentioned that the City really needs lifeguards and if anyone knows someone who may be interested, they can get free certification at the Santa Fe Community College. This is a great certification to have. It is also a good job.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any questions.

Molly Timmons said after the Teen Job Fair, they had two workshops, one at the library and one at the Department of Workforce Solutions. They offered help with interviews, resumes, etc. One of the suggestions in moving forward was to offer monthly workshops on Saturday afternoons at the library, given that they do not have a facility yet. They can talk about things like financial literacy. She asked the Board what their thoughts were on this.

Megan Sarkissian asked if it would be a different topic each time.

Molly Timmons said yes. She asked if Saturday afternoons would work for youth.

There was consensus that Saturday afternoons would work better than Sunday or afterschool.

Michele Reich asked if this would rotate through the different libraries or does the Southside Library make more sense. She asked if there has been any discussion

on which library or branch it would be at.

Molly Timmons said the one that Ellie named specifically was the Southside Library because a lot of families and youth tend to be on that side of town. She asked the Board Members if they think it should rotate, or do they think that the Southside Library is the best location.

Megan Sarkissian thinks it would be best to keep the workshops in the same place that way people don't get confused.

Rudy Flores said he would disagree with that because sometimes it has to do with transportation. If it rotates, it gives people different opportunities or chances to attend.

Megan Sarkissian asked if it would be possible to have two different workshops happening at two different libraries at the same time.

Jessica Gulliford said maybe they could vary the days.

Molly Timmons said it would depend on the topic because there might be one person to present on the topic.

Jessica Gulliford said they have been working on a program for youth and they will be doing a trial run in June. There will be 3-4 sessions where different professionals will be brought in to coach on things like workplace behavior; body management while on the job; basic money management; how to survive on minimum wage, etc. She said they are interested in being a part at the La Farge branch.

Richard De Mella asked her if they are implementing this program now and where are they at with this presently.

Jessica Gulliford said they are implementing it now and in the process of recruiting different volunteers to teach these sessions.

Richard De Mella said this would be great to have within the City's own structure, particularly for those summer youth staff who will start working with the City. They can learn about cashing their checks, putting their money in the bank for the first time, etc. He said he could talk to Chris Sanchez about setting some time aside/blocking some time to do something like this.

Jessica Gulliford said that would be great. She said they are just beginning to organize this but she will keep in touch with him.

Molly Timmons said an organization called "Innovate Educate" has offered to workshops on soft skills. She said they have a program where one can take

assessment of their own skills and they can offer training in those areas. She asked the Board Members if this would something that would be of interest.

Megan Sarkissian said yes, this could be something that can be introduced at one of the job center meetings/trainings.

Molly Timmons asked if the Board Members would attend training just to go, or do they think some incentives are needed, and if so, what kinds of incentives.

Rudy Flores said yes, incentives could help because not everybody would be excited to go to training. Food could be a draw.

Michele Reich asked if it would be possible to work with the City so that there would be computers or laptops for attendees who attend the workshops. It might be helpful for the attendees who may want to work on their resume or learn how to log onto their bank, etc.

Jessica Gulliford asked what it was like at Santa Fe High School-do they have lending laptops.

Megan Sarkissian said all students get their own personal Chromebook that they can use inside or outside the school. She said they do this at most schools.

Councilor Villarreal said maybe they could hold the workshops at places that already have computers, like the Higher Education Center building, or the Community College.

Molly Timmons mentioned that Innovate Educate have I-Pads that they use. She said they had already who attended the Job Fair fill out surveys with these and maybe they would lend them out for the workshops for those kids who do not bring a laptop.

Molly Timmons said the Board Members could forward her any topic or ideas for the workshops.

Megan Sarkissian said she would propose a time for the workshops and asked if 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays would be a good time.

Jessica Gulliford said that time works for the librarians. She noted that they are talking about the idea of opening La Farge Library on Sundays, as well. She asked if Sundays are better than Saturdays.

After brief discussion, there was consensus that Saturdays are better for the youth.

Chair Martinez asked if they had anything more to add and there was nothing.

C. Review of Youth Summit Report Action Plans

Chair Martinez asked if everybody has reviewed the Youth Summit Report Action Plans. She said the Board needs to get on this and get it into fruition.

The purpose of the Youth Summit was to invite youth from all socioeconomic backgrounds to discuss in-depth issues and concerns young people face in Santa Fe and to create a "Call to Action" plan that outlines solutions to improve the quality of life for youth in Santa Fe. Utilizing the identified action plans which resulted from concerns, needs and wants that the youth expressed at the 2015 Fall Youth Summit, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board prioritized six critical action areas to focus on for the 2017 Youth Summit. 300 youth throughout Santa Fe to include private, public, tribal and charter high schools, and local disconnected and homeless youth participated in a half-day summit. During the Summit, the youth leaders facilitated discussions with participant groups on the six identified priority areas.

Victor Vigil will send out copies of the Youth Summit Report from the 2017 Mayor's Youth Summit again to the Board Members. Board Members were asked to review it and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Molly Timmons suggested that the Members take notes while reviewing it and bring them to the next meeting.

Richard De Mella mentioned that there were several categories on the Action Plan and now they are working on the Teen Job Center. He explained that these things take time and asked the Board to please understand that and bear with them.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Martinez mentioned that she and Rudy Flores attended an Earth Day event on water conservation. She asked Rudy Flores if he wanted to say anything about that. He said it was fun, they were able to help and there were all kinds of things to do. He said he wished more Board Members would have attended and he hopes that more Members will start showing up at these events.

Lisa Noriega of the City Water Conservation office thanked the Board members for their help and said it was a great opportunity for them to get experience on what they do. She said they have plenty of opportunities for the Board to volunteer such as the Water Fiesta and the Passport Program and that is why she is here tonight – to see if the Board can help them with these types of events.

Rudy Flores noted that he called Christine Chavez and offered his help and provided his contact information to her.

Lisa Noriega said that is awesome and they will send them information on the events that they are doing. Also, if the Board has any ideas to spread the word on environmental issues, not just water conservation but sustainability, etc.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any questions for Lisa Noriega and there were none.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Villarreal said she was sorry that she missed that prior meeting but the rescheduled date conflicted with the City Council meeting.

She asked who attended the field trip to the Wastewater Treatment facility (Buckman Direct Diversion).

Rudy Flores said he, Barath Kurapati and Franchesca Pena attended the field trip and it was pretty interesting. They showed them how things work, like the water cleaning treatment facility, etc.

Lisa Noriega said they can always plan another field trip for the Board Members who were not able to attend this one. She asked the Board to let them know in advance and she will coordinate and schedule another tour for them.

Councilor Villarreal asked if the Board if they would be interested in having more field trips. These could be educational opportunities for the Board Members.

There was consensus of the Board to have more field trips.

Councilor Villarreal said a couple of months ago, she talked about having other people make a presentation to the Board about other youth councils and what they do. She asked if the Board is interested in this because she could make a contact to someone she knows in Albuquerque to make a presentation to the Board.

Megan Sarkissian asked if the Board Members could attend one of their meetings, or will they be attending one of the Board's meetings.

Chris Sanchez said absolutely and maybe the City could provide transportation to be a part of their meeting in Albuquerque.

Councilor Villarreal said the person she is thinking about, helped organize something similar to the Youth Summit but it was statewide. They used the information they received and took them to the Legislature.

She mentioned that there are groups working on changing the voting age to 16 so that young people can vote at school elections. She asked if the Board would be interested in learning what that looks like in other states and offered to reach out to find out more information about this.

Chris Sanchez said that is a great idea and one of the topics that came out of the Youth Summit was for youth to get involved with politics.

Megan Sarkissian said it would be something to explore.

Councilor Villarreal asked what happened with youth organizing around school shootings and if any of the Board Members participated in anything like this.

Rudy Flores said they are trying to figure out where and when they can have different meetings and talk about what is going on and what can be done to feel safer at schools.

Chris Sanchez said there was a lot of community meetings held by the district. There was also a huge student walk-out across the state.

Councilor Villarreal said a teacher reached out to her recently about having more of a presence of City police officers in the schools. She asked if it would be possible for the City to pay for these officers but the City budget would not allow for this. Also, the City is already short 14 officers. She asked what the Board felt about having police officers at schools.

The following comments were made:

- Having police officers in schools can cause more tension.
- Having police officers in schools can cause uneasiness among the students.
- A strong presence of security at Santa Fe High School can be intimidating.
- Having police officers in schools can also make schools scary for some students.
- Students will be more cautious if police officers were in schools.
- Having friendly officers and kid-loving officers would be helpful to build relationships with the kids.
- Schools can be scarier if there are police officers at schools. Kids can panic if they see cops on campus.

Chris Sanchez mentioned that there will be discussion at the next upcoming Legislative Session about bringing in retired officers and security guards to be at schools without them losing their pay.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Victor Vigil said there will be another walk for Child Abuse this coming Saturday. It begins at 10:00 a.m. and the Board Members were asked to be at the

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PERA, north side of the building at 9:45 a.m.

Chris Sanchez mentioned that the City Community Services department will have a booth there.

He suggested that the Board discuss the roles and responsibilities further at the next meeting. He noted that he met with the Mayor and he is looking at consolidating committees and roles and he will be advising him not to consolidate this Board.

He said there are interesting discussions going on at the State level about wanting to create a Governor's Children Cabinet. They have reached out to the City about what they do and how something like this can be organized.

He noted that the Board now has a Facebook and Molly Timmons has offered to help manage it. Chair Martinez will also help.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

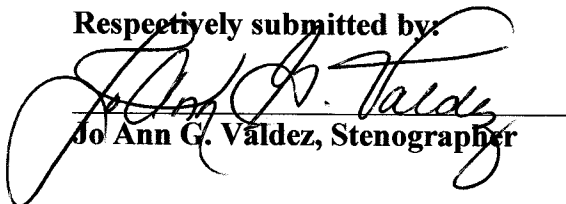
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. It was moved from the third Thursday of the month because school ends May 23rd and May 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

Its business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer


Teya Martinez, Chair