



Agenda

Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

Thursday October 25, 2018

4:30-5:30 P.M.

Monica Roybal Center

737 Agua Fria Street

Santa Fe NM 87505

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

Santa Fe, New Mexico
October 25, 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, 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Members Present:

Teya Martinez, Chair
Avi Hope

Members Absent:

Barath Kurapati
Jayden Madrid
Sydney Manningham, newly appointed Alternate Member, excused
Diego Montoya, newly appointed Alternate Member
Triana Reed
Sumner Armijo-Rotundo, excused

Staff Present:

Richard De Mella, Juvenile Justice Planner
Kyra Ochoa, Community Services Division Director
Victor Vigil, Monica Roybal Teen Center

Others Present:

Jennifer Barreto, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Gus Martinez, Santa Fe County Assessor
Councilor Renee Villarreal
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

*A quorum was not present; therefore, a discussion session/informational meeting was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

Victor Vigil noted that Sydney Manningham, Diego Montoya and Sumner Armijo-Rotundo are newly appointed Board Members, however, none of them were able to attend today's meeting.

He said that William Hare will be a new Board Member and he should attend the next meeting.

Avi Hope was recently appointed to the Board. He is a 9th grader at the Academy for the Classics and Technology (ATC).

Councilor Villarreal asked him what interested him in being part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

Avi Hope said the Director at the Library told him about the Board and he is very interested in politics and ethics at the City level.

Kyra Ochoa introduced herself. She is the new Community Services Division Director. She is new on the job. She started on October 9th.

Jennifer Barreto introduced herself. She is an AmeriCorps VISTA Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 17, 2018 meeting

June 28, 2018 meeting

August 23, 2018 meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting; June 28, 2018 meeting and August 23, 2018 meeting was not made due to the lack of a quorum.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

A. Direction from MYAB

Chair Martinez said at the last Board meeting, she talked about the fact that she had a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent of the Santa Fe Public Schools

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(Veronica Garcia) She called Superintendent Garcia to see if she could help recruit youth for the Board. She may also be able to reach out to the youth and report on what the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is doing; and get their ideas. Also, Superintendent Garcia is willing to help the Board focus on the underserved or under-represented youth. The Superintendent had to cancel the meeting but it has been rescheduled for October 31st.

Chair Martinez said she would like to ask Superintendent Garcia about doing some kind of credit for students who serve on the Board. This could be an incentive for the youth to serve on the Board.

Chair Martinez would also like to talk to her about meeting with the Student Councils at the different schools, let them know about the Board and possibly sending announcements out about the Board.

Jennifer Barreto said if the Board would like to get the Student Councils involved, she thinks they need to contact their activities directors and possibly invite them to a meeting.

Councilor Villarreal asked if all schools have an activities director.

Avi Hope said he did not know what an activities director is but he is sure that they can have a representative attend from their school. He said he could ask about this.

Jennifer Barreto said it could be a different title than activities director. She said at Atriso High School in Albuquerque, where she attended high school, the title was an activities director. Some of the job duties included: writing grant proposals for funding different sports; Student Council-type organizing; leading the students in fundraising events, etc. The activities director also made announcements about the various youth clubs.

Richard De Mella thinks this is a great idea to incentivize youth to participate in the Board and come to meetings.

Jennifer Barreto asked if this would be an extracurricular credit or a college credit. She asked the Board what they had in mind.

Chair Martinez said they do not know. They need to talk to the Superintendent about that and what the schools will offer and accept.

At the last Board meeting, Avi Hope noted that students at Santa Fe High School are required to do 40 hours of community service and maybe this could count towards that.

Chair Martinez said they are also required to do community service at Santa

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Fe Prep but they have a set time to do community service.

Jennifer Barreto said this could be something that they could pitch – that serving on MYAB could be considered community service because it is. This is a community gathering that is going towards relevant issues within the community.

This was discussed again today.

Jennifer Barreto asked Hope Avi if he would be willing to check on what the other schools require for community services and he said yes, he could do that.

Councilor Villarreal offered to assist Chair Martinez with reaching out to Superintendent Garcia about the possibility of offering the time served on the Board as a credit and whether or not Chair Martinez or the Board can come into the schools and meet with their student councils.

Chair Martinez said that would be helpful but a phone call would be great as well.

Kyra Ochoa said she could also mention this to Superintendent Garcia because she will be seeing her soon.

Jennifer Barreto agreed that this is a great idea but she thinks there needs to be a little more planning around it. She said there still needs to be some concise components to it as well, like are there are going to be tasks; or if there is going to be outreach projects, and who we can reach out to locally, non-profit wise, to broaden this.

Richard De Mella said they have contacts with array of various non-profit organizations.

Chair Martinez said she will write up some notes after talking with Superintendent Garcia and send them to Victor Vigil so he can distribute them to the Board Members.

B. Discuss Vision and Mission Statement for MYAB

The Board needs to work on the Vision and Mission Statement; however, there was not a quorum present to discuss this further. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any ideas to recruit new members. She said they want to get people who are committed, so that the Board can take action and get things going.

There was discussion about the fact that some students do not have

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transportation to get to the meetings.

Richard De Mella said maybe they can consider using the city vans to transport students to the meetings. He offered to check on this.

There was also brief discussion of possibility of having the Board meetings at different schools. However, having meetings in different places has caused confusion in the past.

Richard De Mella said it would be a good idea to recruit students who can serve more than one year, so that the Board will not continue to have issues in establishing a quorum.

Kyra Ochoa asked for the history of the Board and what their goals are, etc.

Richard De Mella said the Youth Board was established when Debbie Jaramillo was the Mayor.

He said one of the things that came out of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was the Job Teen Opportunity Center. They also have had two youth summits where the youth spoke about the things that they felt were important to them.

He said the Board would like to do more things in the community than what has been done before.

Kyra Ochoa asked what sorts of things has the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board advised on. She asked the Stenographer if she had an historical memory of this having been with the Board.

The Stenographer said she knows from the Youth Summit, the youth advised on issues that are affecting the youth in the community, such as bullying; alcohol and substance abuse; jobs for teens; youth homelessness; food; things to do for teens, immigration, etc. They wanted to get feedback from the youth on these types of issues.

Kyra Ochoa asked Councilor Villarreal if this was with an eye to inform the Council of forming policies and resolutions.

Councilor Villarreal said they should probably get a history because she does not feel like any one of us has that institutional knowledge - about the creation of the Board and the outcomes back then that came out of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

She said a lot of things came out of the Youth Summit but she does not know what was done after that.

Gus Martinez said the Youth Summit was pretty much a brainstorming session on what the issues are for the youth and how they can get students involved in trying to solve some of these issues.

The Stenographer said the Board has tried to bring the youth together - they have done food drives and they had an art show for youth too.

Councilor Villarreal said things have not moved forward not for the lack of interest but there has been a standstill due to not having a quorum or a Community Services Director for a while. She said it is also about getting youth involved with the solutions for the issues that affect the youth.

Richard De Mella said they can now start working on things again-such as the Job Teen Opportunity Center.

He noted that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board also had a job fair and they received good feedback from that.

Gus Martinez said as a result of the job fair, the County hired two youth to work but he thinks this needs to be pursued more – getting youth to have the opportunity to receive job skills.

He said as far as recruiting members for the Board and the sustainability of the Board, it would be nice to have people come on as mentors with a Board Member and attend meetings. They would be abreast to what is happening and they could see how the Board operates and possibly they would be ready to filter in.

Chair Martinez said now that the Board is getting new members, she would suggest that they review the Youth Summit report because she knows there were a lot of ideas that the Board wanted to work on.

Richard De Mella agreed to send out the Youth Summit report.

Kyra Ochoa said she is excited about this Board and she would like to work with the Board around how to make the maximum impact and getting unity of the community on the issues that affect youth.

She noted that there are several committees in the City with regard to the youth and she would like to look at consolidating these boards.

Jennifer Barreto said the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board should have a clear understanding of what they want to accomplish and streamline all of the elements together.

Chair Martinez asked if anyone had any comments or questions and there were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from the Chair or Board Members.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Villarreal said if the Board is still interested, she can arrange to have someone come speak to the group about what other Youth Councils are doing and how they are structured similarly or different in Albuquerque and other parts of the country. She asked the Board Members to let her know as soon as possible if this is something you would like to have on a future agenda.

REPORT FROM STAFF

There was no report from staff.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Barreto spoke about a scavenger hunt they are considering having in the city. This will help bring youth from the southside and the downtown area together and they will interact with other kids from other schools. It will be sponsored through the Museum. They are looking for sponsorships to fund this.

Jennifer Barreto said it could be a good opportunity to advertise the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

Avi Hope thinks this is a good idea and could improvement relationships with other teens.

Councilor Villarreal suggested that they include SWAT (Student Wellness Action Team).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **November 15, 2018** at 4:30 p.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Its business being completed, this discussion session concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann Valdez, Stenographer


Teya Martinez, Chair