



Agenda

Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

February 28, 2019

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Monica Roybal Center

737 Agua Fria Street

Santa Fe, NM 87505

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Introductions of Board Members and Guests
5. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2019
6. Discussion/Approval:
 - A. Update: Ideas for new programs (Lisa Noriega, Special Projects Administrator, lnnoriega@santafenm.gov, 955-6236)
 - B. Update: Recruitment of new members (Lisa Noriega)
 - C. Teen Summer Tracks (Lisa Noriega)
 - D. Update: Youth Participatory Budget (Lisa Noriega)
 - E. Update on Children and Youth Commission Update (Teya Martinez, Board Chair)
 - F. Update on meeting with Dr. Garcia
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9. Report from Staff
 - A. City of Santa Fe Job Fair (Lisa Noriega)
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING

Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 28, 2019

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
Will Hare (Alternate)
Sydney Manningham
Diego Montoya
Summer Armijo-Rotunno

Members Absent:

Barath Kurapati
Jayden Madrid
Avi Pope, excused

Staff Present:

Lisa Noriega, Youth and Family Services Division

Others Present:

Hannah Laga Abram
Mayor Alan Weber
Louise Majorey, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Councilor Renee Villarreal
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: A motion was made by Diego Montoya, seconded by Summer Armijo-Rotunno to approve the Agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 21, 2019

Approval of the Minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

a. Update: Ideas for new programs (Lisa Noriega)

Ms. Noriega said the Board is aware of the money available that Edith Martinez talked about at the prior meeting. She said she wanted to continue putting this as an agenda item to keep up on this. She said she and Chair Martinez talked about the possibility of creating subcommittees, if this makes it easier for the Board Members; and they can also put people on different categories so that they can get things moving and get Members focused on one area. She asked Chair Martinez if anyone has sent her anything.

Chair Martinez said no, but she has come up with some ideas. They are as follows:

- Partner with businesses to do student discounts.
- Bring back "Screen on the Green" movies at the Railyard. This could be done on Friday nights. This was super popular.
- Teen Movie Night at local movie theatres for teens to see movies free because it is pricey to go to a movie.
- Assist homelessness youth by partnering or volunteering with shelters; donate to shelters

Mr. Montoya noted that he has served at the Interfaith Community Shelter (Pete's Place) with his church and they are very nice people.

- Have a graffiti/art wall for youth.

Ms. Majorey said with AmeriCorps VISTAS, they have worked with Habitat for Humanity. She said they also worked with Pete's Place on meals and one of the groups, specifically, for the summer, is working with Habitat for Humanity. She said they could call this "student learning" and students could put it on their resume – a certain number of hours. She will provide the contact information to Lisa Noriega for that.

Mr. Montoya said this would be helpful because he knows to be confirmed (Confirmation) they have to have some kind of community service hours.

Ms. Majorey said the other group she had contacted was Jennifer Narvares at TechWorks about the possibility of doing some workshops during the summer. She said

she does coding, gaming and all kinds of tech-related or computer-related workshops for any age that they want. She noted that she has worked with the Mayor on different projects. She is excited to work with MYAB.

Councilor Villarreal said they did free classes for youth over last summer and the only stipulation is that the students have to have a laptop, and this can be hard for some students.

Ms. Majorey said Ms. Narvares has lots of different ideas and scenarios on how this can take place.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Alan Weber arrived.

The Board Members introduced themselves to him.

Mayor Alan Weber apologized for being late. He said he wants to listen and ask people what they are hearing about Santa Fe, as young people in our city. He said he would also to talk a little bit about things that they would like to tell him that they haven't had a chance to tell him yet.

He said he wanted to mention a couple of quick things: The City is working on the Southside Summer Program for this coming summer and he would like the Board's input on what they think the City should know about.

He would also like to get a quick update on the participatory budgeting process and how that is going.

He said he would also like to get the Board's take on Warehouse 21 – how much they use it and how they can make it more useful.

He asked the Board Members what things are working for youth; things that are not working; things that are not happening and should happen; and what things the City can do differently or do better.

Responses:

Mr. Montoya said he has plenty of friends in Santa Fe and a lot of people think it is not fun for teenagers here and there is not a lot for them to do here in Santa Fe.

Mayor Alan Weber said that is the largest complaint that he hears. He asked if there was any good news.

Mr. Montoya said they like using the Mall and there are a couple of things that they can do but the youth would like some more stuff to do.

Ms. Armijo-Rotunno said her and her friends hang out the most at the Chavez

Center and the Mall. They like to go ice-skating at the Chavez Center.

Mayor Alan Weber said as much as the Chavez Center is being used, they could do much better and the City is putting a lot more money into the Chavez Center and they want to make it more welcoming.

Councilor Villarreal said maybe the Board Members can think how this relates to school and the things that they do and enjoy, such as extracurricular activities. She suggested that the Members think about this and get back to the Mayor.

Mayor Alan Weber mentioned that the Youth Summit talked about jobs for youth and the City had a job fair last Saturday.

Councilor Villarreal asked if any of the Board Members attended the job fair but nobody attended. She noted that there was a good turnout.

Ms. Noriega said she heard about the job fair probably about a week before it happened and she was disappointed with the piece that HR did not provide more notice so that the Board could have been involved with it. They need to work or coordinate with this Board on things like this. She noted that this Board does their own job fair also.

Mayor Alan Weber said one of the most common complaints he hears over and over is about the lack of communication and why they are not doing a better job in talking to each other. He explained that the City does not have a position or role for kind of a coordinator to do these kinds of things and to make sure the different departments talk to each other.

Ms. Noriega said the reason she brought it up is that they plan to do another one and maybe they can coordinate with this one.

Mayor Alan Weber noted that an individual wanted to write a newspaper article about the concerns of young people and their number one complaint is that there is nothing to do for youth in Santa Fe. He asked people in his office to come up with 50 things to do in Santa Fe and they handed these ideas to the newspaper.

He mentioned that they started something last year called "Southside Summer" on the theory, that in the past, if you wanted to go to a movie or hear music, you had to go downtown. So, the Parks Department and the Arts Commission agreed to take movies and music, etc., to the southside of town.

They are now putting together the programming for this summer and it involves movies that will be shown, some indoors and some outdoors, at the campus of the University of Arts and Design and some at SWAN Park. They are also thinking about doing an event around circus activities, possibly getting Wise Fool to do some things. They would like to do a kick off celebration at the end of school at the Chavez Center that will include things like free swimming; free basketball; free ice-skating and a free

showing of “Aqua Man”.

Mayor Alan Weber said nothing has been locked down yet, so if Board Members have any ideas for a summer event - that they haven’t thought of.

Ms. Majorey said she would like to see a youth talent show.

She said if any of the Board Members have ideas, they can send them to her and she will add them to the list.

b. Update: Recruitment of new members (Lisa Noriega)

Chair Martinez mentioned that Avi Pope was excused because he had a chess tournament. She did not hear from Jayden Madrid or Barath Kurapati. Barath Kurapati has not attended the last three meetings. Chair Martinez will contact him to see if he is still interested in being a Board Member.

Councilor Villarreal asked what the age requirement is.

Ms. Noriega said they can be 13 to 21 years of age.

Councilor Villarreal said she knows a 13-year-old who is interested in serving on the Board. She will check with her.

Ms. Noriega mentioned that Chair Martinez has two letters from individuals who submitted letters of interest and they can send a letter to the Mayor asking him to appoint them.

Councilor Villarreal asked how many vacancies they have on the Board.

Ms. Noriega said she does not know for sure because there are two members that they need to reach out to first. She offered to send out an updated list of Board Members to the group.

Ms. Majorey said it would be helpful to have a job description for Board Members.

Ms. Noriega offered to put together a document that includes the job duties for Board Members and send it to Ms. Majorey.

c. Teen Summer Tracks (Lisa Noriega)

Ms. Noriega said for this summer’s program, they have narrowed it down to four tracks. They are as follows:

- 1) Entrepreneurship: The focus would be on gaining skills to become an entrepreneur with a potential outcome at the end of summer to be able to pitch ideas to business people and possibly getting a stipend for starting that business.

- 2) Technology-working with Los Alamos National Laboratory and they are waiting to hear back from them.
- 3) Art-based programming: Partnering with non-profit organizations for youth to do photography, writing, painting, digital art and different kinds of art.
- 4) Civic Engagement: Looking at having youth do community service work. Youth could potentially work with the homeless shelters and community organizations; they could work on parks and trails.

Ms. Noriega said they have slots for 140 teens for the Summer Program. They will sign up for the track that they want.

She said they will be contacting local restaurants to get involved and Warehouse 21 will be involved as well but they do not know the capacity as of yet. She said a schedule is being put together now and she will send it out once she hears from the businesses.

Ms. Manningham asked if this was an 8-week program where they will be separated out into groups.

Ms. Noriega said it is a 6-week program and they will be separated by the tracks which will run 2 days a week for 2 hours a day. They are looking at doing this on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Montoya said this location is small for a teen center.

Ms. Noriega said she will talk with Kyra Ochoa about this and determine the location for the Summer Program.

d. Update: Youth Participatory Budget (Lisa Noriega)

The proposed initiative will allow Santa Fe youth to determine how to spend \$50,000 of the city's capital budget. This initiative will allow young people to not only vote on how to spend the allocated funding, but will also enable youth to play a role in identifying and shaping particular projects to propose for voting, particularly through the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board. The goal is to engage youth in an active role in civic life while ensuring municipal governance is open, accountable and participatory.

Mayor Alan Weber asked what was going on with this.

Chair Martinez said the Board is trying to think of ways to spend this money but she was thinking about doing a survey that could be sent out to all of the youth in Santa Fe. It would not be fair just for the Board to come up with ideas because it should benefit all youth from Santa Fe. She thinks they need to do this quickly because teens do want to see things change. They could list the top three things that they would like to see.

Mayor Alan Weber asked staff if they had access to Survey Monkey. He said they would have to figure out how they are going to distribute the survey and they could

put it on the City's website.

Ms. Noriega said she did not know but she can check on that. She said the information that has to do with participatory budgeting was included with the agenda. She said they could also create a subcommittee to put together a plan and present it to the Board.

Chair Martinez said a lot of things that teens wanted were included in the Youth Summit report and possibly the subcommittee could review it and bring back the top three things that youth want to the Board. She said what the teens want is probably still relevant.

She mentioned that MYAB had discussed partnering with SWAT (Student Wellness Action Team) in the schools and get ideas from them.

Mayor Alan Weber said that was a great idea. He provided his email address for the Board Members to forward him things they would like to see in Santa Fe.

Summer Armijo-Rotunno thinks having movies at the Railyard is a good idea. She said they could also do a teen marathon/race where teens compete against each other. Local businesses can sponsor the prizes.

Mayor Alan Weber said he knew of a town that had a "Donut Run" and a local donut shop sponsors the run. After every mile you run, you got a donut.

Councilor Villarreal said they could have both – one where youth would compete for prizes and the other for donuts.

Ms. Majorey said the group could also raise funds for charity or non-profits like the Interfaith Community Shelter (Pete's Place).

Ms. Noriega noted that the amount of \$60,000 that was quoted as being available for the teens to spend is inaccurate. They only have \$20,000 to spend. She will get the information on what happened to the remainder of the funding and send it out to the Members.

She said as far as the money for programs, she suggested that they get a solid list together, figure out the costs to do the programs and then come up with a plan to implement the programs. She requested that any ideas be sent to the Chair and she can meet with her to put the list together and possibly a subcommittee can come up with a plan to move forward.

Councilor Villarreal asked if the program's timeline has to be for the summer.

Ms. Noriega said it does not have to be, it can even be during the school year or afterschool.

e. Update on Children and Youth Commission – Chair Martinez

Chair Martinez said there has not been a recent Children and Youth Commission meeting.

Ms. Noriega said the next meeting is scheduled for March.

f. Update on meeting with Dr. Garcia

Chair Martinez said Dr. Garcia is still willing to work with the Board and would like to find a way to that they can share information with each other.

Ms. Manningham mentioned that youth do not know that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board exists and it would be good to make the youth aware of it and provide Board Members' contacts, should they have any questions.

Ms. Noriega said they can share information on the City's web page and the youth are always welcome to attend meetings to provide their input. She said maybe this is another thing that the Board can look at – how to let people know that the Board exists and everything that they are doing. Maybe the Board can talk about ideas for outreach.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Manningham said many students do not have counselors who can help them with college applications, etc. She said she and Chair Martinez would be willing to help students with this.

Councilor Villarreal asked if this would be something that they could do at the Job Fair and there was agreement that this was a good idea.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any other ideas of courses that the Board could offer. She said she remembers that financial literacy was discussed before. It was noted that Nusenda Credit Union was willing to put on a course for the Board and possibly they could have a booth at the Job Fair.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Villarreal reminded the Board Members that it was up to them to come together on ways that they can reach out to the youth in the community regarding the budgetary process, involving the youth with this, and defining what the money would actually cover. She said there is still time and they should also talk about the city's infrastructure i.e., parks, etc. and this Board could be part of how they can improve things.

REPORT FROM STAFF

a. City of Santa Fe Job Fair (Lisa Noriega)

This agenda item was discussed above.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hannah Laga-Abram is a senior at Santa Fe Waldorf School. She spoke about a resolution that Congresswoman Alexandra Olascio-Cortez is sponsoring that targets climate change (New Green Deal). It basically says that we need to move to 100% renewable energy and clean jobs as soon as possible, by 2030.

Councilor Villarreal said she wanted Ms. Laga-Abram to present this to the Board to think about and whether or not they would like to support these efforts and this kind of resolution. She noted that the City has the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan and it has a wide range of recommendations in different areas that can be done in Santa Fe to make our City more sustainable and this connects with the New Green Deal. She said the goal is to write a resolution that is more symbolic for the City that says that the City supports the concepts of the New Green Deal and is related to our Sustainable Santa Fe Plan. She asked Ms. Laga-Abram to send out copies of the Resolution to the Board.

Ms. Marjorey asked if the City of Santa Fe had a "Rent A Bike" program.

Mayor Alan Weber said no, not yet but they are working on it.

NEXT MEETING

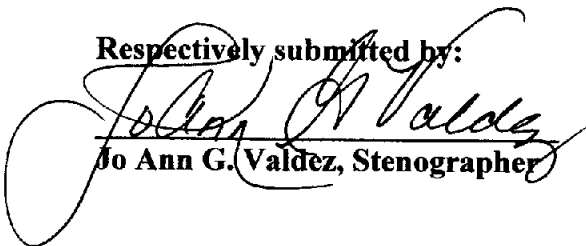
The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the **Market Station**.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Teya Martinez, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer