



Agenda

**MAYORS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 26, 2019
Caboose Room, 500 Market Station, Suite 200
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Welcome and Introduction: Chris Torres, AmeriCorps VISTA (J. Sanchez, jjsanchez@santafenm.gov, 955-6678)
 - b. Presentation: REAL MONEY, REAL POWER: Youth Participatory Budgeting, Maria Perez/ Sascha Anderson (J. Sanchez)
 - c. Future Planning: –Driscoll Youth Programming/FY20 Priorities (J. Sanchez)
5. Old Business
 - a. Update: Children and Youth Commission (T. Martinez, Chair)
6. Work Session
7. Comments from the Chair and Advisory Members
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 – 4:30 PM
MARKET STATION, 500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

Call to Order

The meeting began at approximately 4:35 p.m. A quorum of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was not present.

Members Present:

Teya Martinez, Chair
Avi Pope

Members Absent:

Niveditha Balda
Summer Armijo-Rotunno
Sydney Manningham
Diego Montoya
Frieda Sigala
Will Hare (Alternate)

Staff Present:

Kyra Ochoa, Community Services Department Director
Jessica Gulliford, Librarian
Michele Reich, Librarian
Patricio Pacheco, Water Conservation Specialist

Others Present:

Christopher Torres, Opportunity Santa Fe
Councilor Renee Villarreal
Melissa Byers, Stenographer

Approval of Agenda

Unable to approve due to lack of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Unable to approve due to lack of a quorum.

Introduction: Chris Torres, AmeriCorps VISTA

Mr. Torres said he is with Opportunity Santa Fe and he is here to support the Board.

Youth Participatory Budgeting

Ms. Perez said she works with organizations to strengthen their democratic processes, policies and practices. She said democracy means people get to vote and the majority get their stuff; candidates and things. There are two types of democracy. There's representative democracy, we vote for Councilors and other officials who represent the needs and wants of their constituents. There's also direct democracy, which is what participatory budgeting is. Direct democracy occurs when community members, without an elected representative, get together and make decisions.

Ms. Perez showed a short video regarding participatory budgeting.

She said that one piece that was missing from the video is that there needs to be a body, like the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, to decide what the process will be. She said she was part of a participatory budgeting process in Oakland, California that included a group of adult leaders and youth leaders. The foundation she worked with received a grant for \$35,000. They passed out flyers asking for proposals for use of the money. In response, they received about 25 proposals which the group narrowed down to ten proposals based on criteria that was previously set. After that they set a date and places to vote. They set out ballots with the 10 proposals and a cardboard box. In the end they funded four or five proposals, between \$3,000 to \$5,000. They had some money left over because they didn't feel like putting money towards something that got five or six votes.

Ms. Perez asked if there is currently a pot of money for this Board to consider.

Ms. Ochoa said there is \$50,000 in capital which the Governing Body approved last fiscal year and it would be good to get the process moving. She wasn't up to date on what had been done.

Chair Martinez said they sent out a survey to the public schools and they didn't receive great results. They also wanted to go back and look at the youth summit and the ideas that came out of that.

Ms. Ochoa said it might be relevant to know that there's \$2.1 million dollars budgeted for the teen center on the Southside, which is just a portion of what's needed. As part of that, there will be a community engagement process that will be facilitated by Earth Care. The Board may or may not want to piggyback off that process, it's just something to think about. They will want to hear from the youth.

Ms. Perez said that in the video, they had proposed ideas that had come up in meetings. The way it was done when she was involved in the process was to keep it open ended with a few criteria and ask for ideas. It can be done either way. It really has to do with the entity and capacity of the organization that's implementing participatory budgeting.

Councilor Villarreal said they need to have a container to help the Board because the Chair cannot do it by herself.

Ms. Ochoa said the Regional Juvenile Justice Board has recently merged with the Children and Youth Commission. They need to have a delegate or delegates from MYAB to be on the Children and Youth Commission. The Commission is used to receiving proposals and granting money. So, maybe that would be an appropriate container because they are set up to do that.

Chair Martinez said she sits on the Commission and she thinks they only wanted one person from MYAB on there. She thinks it would be great if there were more than one person that way, she's not the only one to bring back information.

Mr. Torres asked if the purpose of MYAB is to give a voice to the youth.

Councilor Villarreal said there have been ebbs and flows of MYAB members that haven't been able to make the meetings. At this meeting, there are only two members present. The continuity has been difficult. The youth summits have been successful. A lot of students attended those. She asked who makes the connection between MYAB and Earth Care about having a voice in the process.

Ms. Ochoa said that would be the staff liaison for MYAB. She's hopeful that they have that person coming on staff shortly.

There was discussion about MYAB membership and how to get the youth involved.

Councilor Villarreal said the process should be simplified for being on a City committee. People get intimidated when they have to do a resume. All that should be required is a letter of interest.

Member Pope said he had a friend who submitted her resume for membership on MYAB and she hasn't had any response to her submittal.

Ms. Perez said she applied for a commission and literally, she didn't get a response until about two years later.

Councilor Villarreal asked Chair Martinez and Member Pope how they think that information should be disseminated to the youth.

Chair Martinez said she thinks it's a good idea to go and ask the principals and the student bodies and get their opinions and hold their meetings at the schools. When she was sending out the surveys, she was in contact with Dr. Garcia. It was difficult, because she sent the surveys to the teachers, but the teachers didn't read the paragraph that she sent to explain the directions to the students. If that's going to be the same issue, it doesn't make sense.

Ms. Ochoa asked if the student councils at the various schools meet regularly and if it's with the entire student body.

Member Pope said his sister is the student council president and they meet once a week, but not with the entire student body.

Ms. Ochoa said it might be a start to have MYAB meet with the student councils.

Ms. Perez said it would be a way to recruit members to MYAB.

Mr. Pacheco stated that another way to recruit members is to place an attachment in the newsletters that the schools send out. Or, maybe reaching out to our youth groups like the green teams that are at each school. They meet on a weekly basis. He said it would be a good opportunity to have MYAB meet with the green teams to have peer to peer contact.

Councilor Villarreal said these are great examples and asked who is going to put these into play.

Ms. Perez said before participatory budgeting is implemented, there is a need for a functioning MYAB.

Ms. Ochoa said they have been trying to get a functioning MYAB for a long time.

Ms. Perez said that maybe participatory budgeting is a hope to get new members.

Ms. Ochoa said maybe they could schedule the MYAB meetings at the schools at the end of the day.

Mr. Pope said at ATC they have a Crew class and it's for college readiness. Sometimes different organizations come in and they come in through the students. The students give a five-minute talk about what it is and what they do, etc. That's effective because they can ask questions.

Ms. Ochoa said maybe the presentation can come to the schools. She staff said staff can communicate with organizations.

Councilor Villarreal said so we're working two angles: recruiting membership for MYAB and telling people about participatory budgeting.

Mr. Torres said it seems to him is to engage the youth in democracy.

Ms. Ochoa said at the next meeting the work would be to prepare the presentation and scheduling of presentations.

Ms. Martinez said they would need to be educated about what is going to be said. They will also need structure and maybe a script.

Ms. Ochoa said that one of the changes to future agendas would be to make the meetings, working meetings.

Ms. Perez suggested that for the next meeting, whoever is staffing could provide a prompt for the MYAB members so they could determine what the goal is, who the audience is, etc.; so that by the end of the meeting there is a guiding tool.

There was discussion regarding the participatory budgeting and the deadline to expend the funds. Ms. Ochoa said by the end of the fiscal year, which is June of 2020.

Councilor Villarreal said it should be done right and if need be, she would fight to have the budget extended.

Member Pope asked about the makeup of MYAB. If he recruited students from ATC to be on MYAB he asked if it mattered that MYAB consisted mostly of ATC students.

Councilor Villarreal said the makeup of MYAB is supposed to be a mixture of different schools, different age groups, gender balance; diversity plays into it. It's been difficult to get people to the meetings for various reasons.

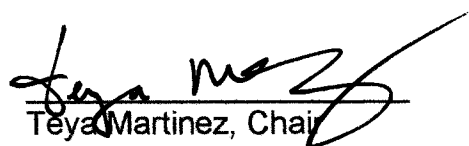
Public Comment

Mr. Pacheco invited the meeting participants to the Children's Water Fiesta on October 22nd and October 23rd. He said in the future, he would like to have MYAB be included in the presentations that MYAB would like to do. They could also help direct the 4th graders to where they need to go.

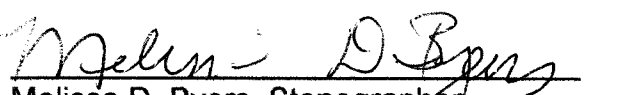
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Approved by:


Teya Martinez, Chair

Submitted by:


Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer
For Byers Organizational Support Services