



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Vice Chair Julian Guerra Molina at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 10

Alana Plaisance, Bella Bone, Hannah Granderson, Henry Cardona Gameros, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, Landon Lu, and Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt and Alex Rains*

EXCUSED: *Bailey Brown, Brianna Nizic, Myles Kinney, and Adam Marl.*

ABSENT: *Melanie Gabriel*

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None provided.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Alex Rains introduced herself and spoke about her new role as Assistant City Manager for the City of Oregon City. Youth Advisory Commission members asked questions about Alex Rains background and her current role within Oregon City.
2. Hannah Schmidt presented about the Oregon Youth Summit that Brianna Nizic, Myles Kinney, and Adam Marl attended on February 2, 2024. The Kid Governor, Zoya Shah gave an impactful opening speech for the Summit. Zoya Shah spoke about her dedication to increasing mental health awareness for youth.

There were 8 other youth councils at the Youth Summit including: Lake Oswego Youth Advisory Council, Tualatin Youth Advisory Council, Happy Valley Youth Council, Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council, Eugene Youth Advisory Council, West Linn Youth Advisory Council, Gresham Youth Advisory Council, and Clackamas Youth Action Board. Each organization presented about projects they had completed/are working on within the past year. The projects that stood out to the Youth Advisory Commission were:

- Touring local facilities

- Conducting an informal public survey to evaluate the needs of youth in the community.
 - Mock City Council Meeting
 - Job Fair/resume building/FASFA aid
 - Clothing Drive
 - Providing input on the Master Parks Plan
 - Helping to address houselessness in the community
3. Submissions for the Oregon City “If I Were Mayor...” contest are due on March 1, 2024. Cash prizes were approved in the amount of \$50, \$75, and \$100 for the top contestant in each one of the categories (4/5th grade poster, 6th-8th grade essay, and 9th-12th grade multimedia presentation). The OCSD will distribute the flyer on ParentSquare for the third time on Wednesday, February 14th. Members of the Youth Advisory Commission need to help advertise the contest to help increase participation rates. Copies of the flyers were handed out to members to help distribute around the community – specifically around their schools. Hannah Granderson is going to inquire about including information about the contest in morning announcements and Julian Guerra Molina is going to get word out through OCTV.
4. The Commission discussed a variety of potential project ideas. The Commission can set more than one project for the year, but it is important to acknowledge the workload associated with each project and make decisions accordingly.

The Youth Advisory Commission will participate in the Spring Forward Event where they will inform the community about their Commission and advertise their Clothing Drive.

Justin Evers moved to have a Clothing Drive as one of the Commissions projects. Alana Plaisance seconded. Unanimous approval. Hannah Schmidt will send OC Farmers Market contact information to Hannah Granderson so she can inquire about them hosting a booth at an upcoming farmers market to help promote the Clothing Drive in the future.

Based off time restrictions, Julian Guerra Molina decided the Youth Advisory Commission should hold a virtual meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 5 pm. The meeting will last one hour and will be used to help plan for the Spring Forward Event.

5. Bella Bone moved to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2024. Justin Evers seconded. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Julian Guerra Molina adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.