



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom as well as in person at City Hall Chambers in Oregon City. Please contact Community Engagement Specialist, Hannah Schmidt, at hschmidt@orc.org for virtual meeting information.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Chair Brianna Nizic at 7:11 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Alana Plaisance, Bailey Brown, Bella Bone, Brianna Nizic, Henery Cardona Gameros, Landon Lu, Myles Kinney, Julian Guerra Molina, Justin Evers, and Denyse McGriff

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, and Vance Walker*

EXCUSED: *Hannah Granderson*

ABSENT: *Melanie Gabriel*

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Ben Simmons, Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) Chair, and Vance Walker, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the TAC annual report to the Youth Advisory Commission. Ben Simmons explained the purpose of TAC which is to advise the City Commission, Planning Commission, and Urban Renewal Commission on transportation matters. Ben highlighted the accomplishments of the TAC over the past year which included success in their Speed Bump Program, moving forward on Speed Studies within the City of Oregon City, and the installation of the flashing beacons on Holcomb Boulevard that is a part of the Safe Routes to School grant program. Ben and Vance accepted questions from the Youth Advisory Commission and emphasized their desire to receive help from the Youth Advisory Commission for National Night Out and a potential Distracted Driving Campaign. The National Night Out is the first Tuesday of every August and is a nationwide event. In Oregon City, the event is driven by the Oregon City Police Department and is located at the End of The Oregon Trail.

Public Works extended an invitation for the Youth Advisory Commission to assist with the Bicycle Rodeo, which is a fun and interactive educational course to help teach the public about bicycle safety. Myles Kinney expressed concern about speeding on Myers Rd specifically within areas that children are present/walking. Vance Walker emphasized the lengthy process that is involved with having to conduct a speed study but indicated that he would bring up Myers Rd as an issue of concern with his staff. Vance Walker and Ben Simmons talked in-depth about the different methods used to help encourage the public to practice safe driving methods. They also discussed the materials, procedures, and processes of road maintenance. Vance Walker touched on the WIFIA funded projects that will be upgrading Oregon City's water distribution system. Vance Walker discussed the notoriety that Oregon City Public Works has received for utilizing a device called the City Rover that uses AI to be able to detect potholes on Oregon City roads. The Youth Advisory Commission expressed interest in having a tour of the Public Works Facility. This tour will be scheduled during a regular Youth Advisory Commission meeting by Hannah Schmidt at a later date.

2. The Youth Advisory Commission reviewed the rubrics for all the categories of the "If I Were Mayor Contest..." (poster, essay, and multimedia presentation) and evaluated the 25 submissions from all 4th-12th grade levels. There were two multimedia presentation submissions, one essay submission, and 22 poster submissions in total. Hannah Schmidt emphasized that the Youth Advisory Commission and the City can work to better advertise the guidelines of the contest in the future. It seems that applicants were not fully aware of the criteria that they were being judged on.

Myles Kinney moved to not submit a multimedia presentation. Julian Guerra Molina seconded. Unanimous approval.

Justin Evers moved to advance the essay forward in the "If I Were Mayor Contest...". Making this contestant the 1st prize winner of the essay category and moving the submission forward to the state competition. Julian Guerra Molina seconded. Landon Lu, Henry Cardona Gameros, Brianna Nizic, Julian Guerra Molina, and Justin Evers voted yes. Denyse McGriff, Myles Kinney, and Alana Plaisance voted no. Motion passed. The essay contest winner will be awarded at an upcoming City Commission meeting and be presented with an award and a cash prize of \$75.

The Youth Advisory Commission went around the room where the poster entries were displayed and marked their initials next to their top three entries. Poster #12 received 6 votes, poster #5 received 6 votes and poster #20 received 4 votes. A vote was conducted to decide the 1st place winner of the poster category, and everyone unanimously voted for poster #12. The Youth Advisory Commission decided that poster #5 would be awarded 2nd place and poster #20 would be awarded 3rd place. Julina Guerra Molina moved to have the 1st place winner from the poster contest receive a \$75 cash prize, the 2nd place winner of the poster

contest receive a \$50 cash prize, and the 3rd place winner of the poster contest receive a \$25 cash prize. Myles Kinney seconded. Unanimous approval.

Hannah Schmidt will notify the contestant winners and advance the 1st prize winners in each category onto the state competition before the state deadline on April 5th. Hannah will work to have the “If I Were Mayor...” award presentation added to the City Commission Meeting Agenda for April 3, 2024. The Youth Advisory Commission was encouraged to attend this City Commission meeting and one representative from the Youth Advisory Commission will present the award to the students with the Mayor.

3. The Pioneer Pantry Board has declined the Youth Advisory Commission’s request to collaborate on a Youth Clothing Drive with their organization. It was stated that a clothing drive is out of the scope of the organization’s mission and vision, which is focused primarily on food insecurity. Hannah Schmidt emphasized that a Clothing Drive is still a feasible project for the Youth Advisory Commission to complete before the end of the school year. She has reached out to a couple of different organizations who could potentially be a partner in a clothing drive. Myles Kinney made a connection from the Clackamas County Women’s League and will send an email out to the organization about collaborating on a clothing drive on behalf of the Youth Advisory Commission.

Mayor Denyse McGriff spoke to someone who was a board member of the Pioneer Pantry, and they informed her that the board never voted on collaborating with Youth Advisory Commission on a clothing drive. This board member also stated that Pioneer Pantry has indeed done clothing drives in the past.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Annessa Hartman is tentatively scheduled to present at the next Youth Advisory Commission meeting on April 8, 2024.

MINUTES

4. Brianna Nizic pointed out Bailey Brown’s name was misspelled in both the minutes that are up for approval. Julina Guerra Molina moved to approve the minutes as amended for the February 22nd virtual Youth Advisory Commission Meeting. Justin Evers seconded. Unanimous approval.
5. Justin Evers moved to approve the Minutes as amended for the February 22, 2024 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting. Julian Guerra Molina seconded. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Brianna Nizic adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.