



MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2009

Present

Mayra Garcia
Jill Peterson
Tera Ponce
Vanessa Sandoval
Staci Hewitson
Chloe Kramer
Alexis Knowles
Stephanie Giampietro
Payton Cooke
Valerie Parmarter

Absent

Zach Romfo
Britney Lawler

Also Present

Hezekiah Allen; City Representative
Jason Little; City Representative
Matias Sandoval; Community Adult Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

C.Y.A.C president Mayra Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Youth Leadership Day Discussion-** Tera Ponce and the commission agreed that the first speaker at Youth Leadership day was not really what they were hoping for. Marya Garcia was really impressed with the workshop on advocacy.
2. **City Council Topics-** Hezekiah Allen, City Representative read the current topics
3. **Diaper Drive-** City Representative Hezekiah Allen reports that the Diaper Drive collected a large truck load worth of diapers and baby supplies. The diapers and baby supplies were then delivered to the House of Ruth.
4. **Braskies Concert-** Mayra Garcia CYAC President reports that the concert is set for 9:40am at Clarkdale-Jerome Middle School on March 27th. Mayra Garcia motioned that C.Y.A.C should arrive at 9:00am to sure up loose ends. Vanessa Sandoval 2nd the motion.
5. **Art Auction-** Valerie Parmarter motioned that C.Y.A.C should have Cecelia (a High School Art student) draw a picture for the art auction to use as a logo. Vanessa Sandoval 2nd the motion. Mayra Garcia motioned that C.Y.A.C should ask for a \$15 donation if auction participants would like refreshments and one glass of wine. Also, Mayra asked that the \$15 be split up \$5 to Crema, \$5 to Winery and \$5 to C.Y.A.C. Stephanie Giampietro 2nd the motion. Community Adult Advisor Matias Sandoval suggested the commission contact Yavapai Broadcasting and ask about possible sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Marianne Jimenez Spay and Neuter Fundraiser-** Marianne Jimenez is the City Representative for the new spay and neuter ordinance that is being put into effect by the City Council. Marianne Jimenez is asking the commission to conduct a fundraiser to fund a day in which citizens can have their pet spayed or neutered to kick off the new ordinance. After careful consideration, Mayra Garcia and the commission agree that with only two meetings left in the year, and the Braskies Concert, Art Auction, Relay for Life, and the end of the year banquet the commission will have to table this topic for a later date. Vanessa Sandoval motioned to table the spay and neuter fundraiser for a later date. Staci Hewitson 2nd the motion.
2. **Relay for Life Chair Kerry Loftus-** Kerry Loftus presents Relay for Life to the commission and discusses ways the commission could get involved. One is to form a team get sponsors and walk in the relay, two is to volunteer to clean-up and the last option is to cook breakfast in the morning for the teams. Kerry Loftus states that if the commission would like to put together a team than there is a team captain meeting on March 17th at 6:30pm at Murphy's Grill. Alexis Knowles motioned that the commission should put together a team to walk in the relay. Payton Cooke 2nd the motion. Jill Peterson motioned that each person on the commission should get their own sponsors. Tera Ponce 2nd the motion. Mayra Garcia suggested that we should attend the team captain meeting. Tera Ponce, Payton Cooke and Mayra Garcia agree to attend the meeting on March 17 at 6:30pm in Murphy's.
3. **Summer Camp Sponsorship-** Mayra Garcia C.Y.A.C President asked the commission to sponsor the Summer Youth Camp that the City has currently cut from the programming budget. Mayra states that the program would either break even or make money. Payton Cooke motioned to sponsor the summer youth camp that Cottonwood Parks and Recreation facilitates. Jill Peterson 2nd the motion.
4. **Dream Act-** Mayra Garcia and Tera Ponce researched and presented to the commission their thoughts on the Dream Act Bill that is being drafted. Mayra and Tera agree that the bill will give quality students the opportunity to attend college. Students that were born in another country and at a young age were moved to the United States will have the opportunity to either serve military time or community service hours in exchange for residency to attend college. Mayra Garcia and Tera Ponce would like the commission to advocate for this bill. After some discussion, Staci Hewitson motioned to table this topic until next meeting to give members a chance to research and form their own opinions. Alexis Knowles 2nd the motion.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, C.Y.A.C President Mayra Garcia adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Prepared by: Hezekiah Allen, City Representative
Approved on _____ by:

Chair

Secretary