

A G E N D A
(Amended 11-18-13)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL & JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE COTTONWOOD YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2013, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, LOCATED AT 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

- I. CALL TO ORDER.
- II. ROLL CALL.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER--THE PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT PROPOSE, DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON ANY MATTER BROUGHT UP DURING THIS SUMMARY UNLESS THE SPECIFIC MATTER IS PROPERLY NOTICED FOR LEGAL ACTION.
- V. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE--CHRIS RICE, FIREFIGHTER
- VI. PRESENTATION BY DAMIEN BROWNING REGARDING STEPS TO RECOVERY HOMES.
- VII. PRESENTATION OF A CHECK TO THE CITY BY DON FISHEL (REGIONAL ASA COMMISSIONER,) FROM THE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.
- VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC--This portion of the agenda is set aside for the public to address the Council regarding an item that is not listed on the agenda for discussion. However, the Council cannot engage in discussion regarding any item that is not officially listed on the agenda for discussion and/or action (A.R.S. §38-431.02(H).) Comments are limited to a 5 minute time period.
- IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES--REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013.

Comments regarding items listed on the agenda are limited to a 5 minute time period per speaker.
- X. NEW BUSINESS--The following items are for Council discussion, consideration, and possible legal action.
 1. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2724--APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.
- XI. CLAIMS AND ADJUSTMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING THE COUNCIL WILL CONVENE INTO A JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE COTTONWOOD YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.

ITEMS THE YOUTH COMMISSION DESIRES TO DISCUSS:

1. PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES--Our local movie theatre closed and there is not much in the private sector locally for youth to take advantage of.
2. ELECTIVES AT MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL--Mingus is having to cut electives to meet budget restraints which is lowering opportunities for growth with local youth.
3. MARIJUANA/ALCOHOL USE RISING--Media targeted towards youth are glorifying the use of these products and producing a rising user amounts.
4. WHAT WOULD THE COUNCIL LIKE TO SEE FROM THE COMMISSION?

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A) the Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A)(3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

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Members of the City Council will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to A.R.S. 1-602.A.9, subject to certain specified statutory exceptions, parents have a right to consent before the State or any of its political subdivisions make a video or audio recording of a minor child. Meetings of the City Council are audio and/or video recorded, and, as a result, proceedings in which children are present may be subject to such recording. Parents in order to exercise their rights may either file written consent with the City Clerk to such recording, or take personal action to ensure that their child or children are not present when a recording may be made. If a child is present at the time a recording is made, the City will assume that the rights afforded parents pursuant to A.R.S. 1-602.A.9 have been waived.

Steps To Recovery Homes

Summary

Introduction;

The long term goal of the Steps to Recovery Homes is to create a healthy, safe and structured environment for our clients, to help our community by giving people an opportunity to become productive members of society and lower the recidivism rates in the community. Steps to Recovery Homes is a viable placement for those who are serious about changing their lives.

Location;

The Hope House is located in Historic Old Town Cottonwood at 748 North Main St. This location is in the heart of the beautiful Verde Valley of Arizona. We believe that this location is centrally located to help the clients acquire employment. The home is close to many resources and the Cottonwood Area Transit to better assist our clients.

The Company;

Steps to Recovery Homes was formed by Anne Vickers and Damien Browning. We have both been through hardships and have changed our lives, becoming assets to our community and our families. The decision to open this business did not come lightly, It was one that came straight from our hearts. Our goal is to always build healthy relationships with the public and work in cooperation with others. Together we have a vision of helping our clients to help not only themselves, but also to learn how they can help others.

Our Services;

Provide a comfortable, safe, structured, drug free (includes alcohol) environment for those willing to change their lives for the better. Teach them how to become fully self-supporting and responsible. To provide our community with a 2 hour a week commitment, provided by each resident free of charge.

Personal life coaching in:

- ✓ Finances
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Hygiene
- ✓ Understanding Recovery
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Job skills - Resumes, Interview, Presentation
- ✓ Self-Acceptance
- ✓ Boundaries
- ✓ Goal setting

Steps To Recovery Homes

Summary

Accommodations;

The Hope House provides spacious living. The men's area is a two bedroom apartment on the top floor which includes a large deck. The women's area is a two bedroom apartment on the bottom floor which includes a fireplace. There is a central common area available for all of our clients which include the laundry room and an additional bathroom. There is an onsite office, parking, garden, bbq, and large back yard. Block walls and Iron Gates surround the Home and provide security. Cottonwood Area Transits and Resources are within walking distance.

Mission Statement;

Our Mission is to provide a safe environment, free from any illicit drugs or alcohol, for people with substance abuse issues. We are dedicated to consistency, structure, and direction in our homes.

Conclusion;

We believe the assistance that we offer to our clients will be beneficial to them. By setting an example and providing direction, we know that our clients can become assets to their families. They can also become responsible, accountable and find integrity in their own lives and the eyes of the community. We understand that many people have missed certain building blocks in their lives. We believe that people really do want to change, but are lacking the guidance and environment to do so. We provide that environment. We know from our own experiences that it is possible, and know we will be able to help.

**City of Cottonwood, Arizona
City Council Agenda Communication**



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Meeting Date:	November 19, 2013
Subject:	Recommendation for Council Consideration to select new Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commissioners
Department:	Community Services
From:	Richard Faust, Community Services Gen. Mgr. /Hezekiah Allen, Recreation Services Supervisor

REQUESTED ACTION

The Parks and Recreation staff and the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission respectfully request that council appoint Ryan Young, Jasmine Banks, Kayle Gordon, and Kirsten Conover to fill four (4) vacancies on the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission. Moreover, staff would like to request that council approve the re-appointment of eight youth commissioners (Parker Kleck, Charles Novak, Krista Earl, Wyatt Midkiff, Carrington Midkiff, Marshall Shill, Shaylor Dowling and Sirilak Saengsawang) to another one year term that expires August 1, 2014. The Commission would also like to request the Council to place Gabrielle Makuch into a seated position. In final, the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission and staff are also requesting that council appoint Kirsten Jones to serve as the adult representative for the commission with a term that also expires August 1st. 2014.

SUGGESTED MOTION

If the Council desires to approve Resolution number 2724, the suggested motion is:

"I move to approve Resolution 2724, appointing members to the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission."

BACKGROUND

Currently, in its ninth year, the youth commission continues to gain notoriety and popularity in the community and state-wide. Due to the departure of four commissioners and the expiration of terms of nine commissioners, the commission would like to re-appoint these nine youth commissioners and fill the four vacated seats with four new applicants.

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission advertised these vacancies throughout a variety of city wide outlets to attract a wide array of applicant backgrounds. The commission advertised at each local school, the Guidance Clinic, Yavapai Broadcasting, and the Yavapai County Probation Department.

JUSTIFICATION/BENEFITS/ISSUES

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission would like to respectfully request that Madame Mayor Joens and the Council consider the appointment of the following applicants. The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission fully understands that the council has the sole discretion to appoint or deny any of the applicants who have applied. However, after careful consideration, and the administration of a blind point weighted matrix system, the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission would like to ask that the city council endorse their request. With the re-appointment of tenured youth commissioners and the appointment of new applicants the commission can continue to function as a cohesive unit, and continue giving teens a voice in government.

Commissioner Name	Re-Appoint	Appoint
Charles Novak	X	
Shaylor Dowling	X	
Parker Kleck	X	
Rachel Valentine	X	
Carrington Midkiff	X	
Wyatt Midkiff	X	
Sirilale Saengsawang	X	
Krista Earl	X	
Marshall Shill	X	
Kirsten Jones (Adult Representative)		
Ryan Young		X
Jasmine Banks		X
Kayle Gordon		X
Kirsten Conover		X
Gabrielle Makuch		X

All commission terms would be effective immediately upon council approval. Terms will expire August 1st, 2014. The points weighted matrix system has been included in the packet for council review.

COST/FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Name:	Description:	Type:
11-19-13 Matrix for Youth Commission.pdf	Scoring Matrix	Backup Material
res2724.doc	Resolution Number 2724	Cover Memo

2013 CYAC Applicants

Candidate	Application Score	Interview Score	Total
Ryan Young	33.7	42	75.7
Jasmine Banks	34.1	37.4	71.5
Brianna Stroebel	31.6	39.8	71.4
Kirsten Conover	33.6	36.4	70
Kayle Gordon	30.7	34.1	64.8
Kahlan Mclean	33.7	29.2	62.9
Noemi Cervantes	32.4	28.8	61.2
Braylee Parry	28.7	29.2	57.9
Jason Martinez	19.3	32.3	51.6
Nicole Rhonton	17.3	15.6	32.9

Current Members:

Sirilak Saengsawang
Marshall Shill
Carrington Midkiff
Wyatt Midkiff
Gabrielle Makuch
Rachel Valentine
Krista Earl
Charles Novak
Parker Kleck

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2724

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE.

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2004, the City Council established a Cottonwood Youth Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to the child and youth population, especially as it relates to municipal programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall be composed of fourteen (14) members who attend a public, private, or charter school within the city limits, or home schooled representatives who live within or outside the corporate city limits, and one non-voting Community Representative who resides either within or outside the corporate limits of the City of Cottonwood.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY ARIZONA:

THAT, the following individuals are hereby appointed members of the Cottonwood Youth Commission for a term ending August 1, 2014:

Gabrielle Makuch	Shaylor Dowling
Ryan Young	Jasmine Banks
Charles Novak	Parker Kleck
Kayle Gordon	Kirsten Conover
Carrington Midkiff	Wyatt Midkiff
Sirilale Saengsawang	Krista Earl
Marshall Shill	Kirsten Jones (Adult Representative)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013.

Diane Joens, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Horton, Esq.
City Attorney

