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Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

Thursday February 22nd, 2018

4:30-5:30 P.M.

Monica Roybal Center

737 Agua Fria Street

Santa Fe NM 87501

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING

Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 22, 2018

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison on this date at 4:30 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Youth Center, 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

There was a lack of quorum present to conduct official business; therefore, an informational meeting was held.

Members Present:

Rudy Flores
Barath Kurapati
Megan Sarkissian

Members Absent:

Yessica Flores
Teya Martinez
Franchesca Pino

Staff Present:

Richard De Mella, Juvenile Justice Planner
Christine Chavez, Water Conservation Program
Michele Reich, Santa Fe Public Library
Jessica Gulliford, Santa Fe Public Library
Chris Sanchez, Community Services Division Director
Victor Vigil, Monica Roybal Teen Center

Others Present:

Ellie Hoffman, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member
Teynnih Nomie Currier, Capitol High School (prospective Board Member)
Councilor Renee Villarreal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda was not made due to the lack of a quorum.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 30, 2017 meeting and January 25, 2018

Approval of the Minutes of the November 20, 2017 and January 25, 2018 meetings was not made due to the lack of a quorum.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

A. Election of Chairperson

Victor Vigil said due to the lack of a quorum, the election of the Chairperson will be postponed until the next meeting.

B. Job Center Event

Victor Vigil said the Job Center event was awesome and incredible.

Ellie Hoffman said they had about 90 youth who attended and approximately 12 employers attended and assisted with the event. She explained that the employers helped youth with the job applications and resumes.

Ms. Hoffman noted that some youth found some positions they were interested in and connected with people that they can follow up with.

She mentioned that she received a lot of positive feedback.

She said they had a lot of good snacks and food. They also gave out \$10 gift cards to all the youth who attended-so they kind of got paid to attend.

Councilor Villarreal asked who sponsored that.

Ms. Hoffman said the City.

She said they ended up adding the afternoon session because a couple of people came after school. She said it was kind of a bummer that they scheduled the event during school hours.

Councilor Villarreal asked Mr. Vigil to talk a little about the date – there was an

assumption that all the schools were going to be out that day.

Mr. Vigil said yes, there were parent/teacher conferences that day, except for the middle schools and high schools. So, when the subcommittee found out about this, they contacted Dr. Veronica Garcia and she released the seniors of the Santa Fe Public Schools at noon so that they could attend. They also extended the afternoon session of the event from 3:00 to 5:30 for those who were unable to attend during the day.

Mr. Vigil noted that youth from Espanola and Pojoaque also attended the event.

Ms. Hoffman asked if there were any questions.

Mr. De Mella said they had a couple of seniors and upper classmen from Capital High School and Santa Fe High School in the afternoon. He asked them if they would be interested in having a job center at the Teen Center and the majority said yes, they would come in and use it. He mentioned that there were some disconnected youth who showed up at the event. They were looking for work.

He commended the Workforce Solutions Department for doing an outstanding job. He acknowledged city staff for distributing handouts on the summer program, and for their assistance on filling out the applications, etc.

Mr. De Mella said they would like to make this a weekly thing, or at least a bi-weekly thing and he would recommend that it is held after school so students can attend.

Ms. Sarkissian asked if it would be possible to do this on weekends.

Mr. De Mella said a weekend would be a good thing because the libraries get a lot of traffic on Saturday.

There was consensus that a weekend would be a good time and easier for youth to get to a job fair.

Ms. Sarkissian said it would be nice to have a designated place for this.

Ms. Reich asked if this could take place at high schools so students and youth do not have to travel.

Mr. Flores said both Santa Fe High School and Capital High School have a place where they could accommodate or host this.

Ms. Sarkissian said she would be willing to advocate for this at Santa Fe High School. She offered to talk to the Student Board.

Ms. Reich said the LaFarge Library could do this also. They would like to support the youth in whatever ways they can.

Mr. Vigil said this leads them to the next agenda item.

C. Discussion on Job Center

Mr. Vigil said they could talk to Chris Sanchez and the Department of Workforce Solutions about the idea of having it at schools, about the schedule (what days they will be at certain places, etc.)

Mr. De Mella noted that the Department of Workforce Solutions have offered to provide a van where youth could get assistance with applying for work through online applications, resumes, etc. He said they could try and get the providers involved with this.

D. Review of Youth Summit Report and Action Plan

Copies of the Youth Summit Report from the 2017 Mayor's Youth Summit were distributed at the prior meeting and the Board Members were asked to review it and provide feedback.

The purpose of the Youth Summit was to invite youth from all socioeconomic backgrounds to discuss in-depth issues and concerns young people face in Santa Fe and to create a "Call to Action" plan that outlines solutions to improve the quality of life for youth in Santa Fe. Utilizing the identified action plans which resulted from concerns, needs and wants that the youth expressed at the 2015 Fall Youth Summit, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board prioritized six critical action areas to focus on for the 2017 Youth Summit. 300 youth throughout Santa Fe to include private, public, tribal and charter high schools, and local disconnected and homeless youth participated in a half-day summit. During the Summit, the youth leaders facilitated discussions with participant groups on the six identified priority areas.

This agenda item was not discussed due to the lack of a quorum.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Vigil asked if there were any comments from the Board Members present.

There were none.

Mr. De Mella asked them how the schools and students are dealing with the recent school shooting in Florida.

Ms. Sarkissian said personally, she has talked to other students at Santa Fe High and there is definitely more discussion about the youth's opinions on gun violence and gun regulations. She thinks there is also a lot more discussion on mental illness after this happened and how they have access to support all that. She said in this school environment that is really important.

Mr. Flores said his teachers are talking about this and how the students should not be

joking about this issue because nobody is really safe anymore. He said it must be hard for the families of the students who have to go back to their school – worrying about them. He mentioned that he had relatives who recently went to that school and he was worried about them too.

Ms. Reich asked the youth if they want to be heard or would they like to take some action.

Ms. Sarkissian said she definitely wants to take more action but she is not quite sure how close they are in being heard yet because she thinks they need to speak a little louder. She also thinks that there are more kids out there who need to find their fortes because it will take so many people.

Ms. Gulliford said she and Michele Reich would like to invite the youth to the Community Room at the library if they want to bring in the youth and rally them to work on solutions that they would like to see come together. She said they are there to support the youth and they can offer places to meet.

Mr. Flores said that was a good idea and maybe they could do this in the next two months with a small group or whoever can come.

Councilor Villarreal asked him if he is saying relate it or connect it to this group.

Mr. Flores said yes, but really a group from different schools, in general-to see what their opinions are and what ideas they have in trying to get the youth heard.

Mr. Vigil asked the Board Members if they want to take a stand on gun violence, as a committee and work on this. If so, they can move forward on developing a game plan.

Ms. Sarkissian said yes, they can tell people from other schools that they will be having a meeting at the library, where youth can come and make suggestions on what they would like to see in their school and how they feel about what has happened.

There was discussion about the fact that some youth are afraid to go to school due to the recent threats of gun violence at various schools.

Mr. Vigil asked if there were any other concerns from the Board.

Mr. Flores said he and Councilor Villarreal talked about letting the Board Members know about the meetings through their phones (texting them) because not all members check or respond to their emails. They also talked about using Facebook and Snap Chat to inform members.

Ms. Hoffman noted that the MYAB Facebook page had not been used since 2015. It existed but only like 10 people followed it. She mentioned that they are trying to revamp the page to promote the Teen Job Fair and they ended up creating a different page for the

Teen Job Fair and Teen Job Center. This page is up and running now but the MYAB one has not been updated yet because Edith Martinez has access to that one.

Mr. Vigil said he will talk to her about that.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL

Councilor Villarreal asked if someone will take the lead somehow on organizing a meeting on gun violence.

Mr. Vigil said he will connect with Ms. Sarkissian and move forward with Chris Sanchez and bring back the information to the Board.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. De Mella announced that there will be a Child Abuse Awareness Day and he will provide this information to the Board. It will be on a Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and he would like the Board Members and elementary and high school kids to attend. It will be sometime at the end of April at the PERA yard.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Christine Chavez said she was so impressed with the youth's voice and commitment of the Board to do something for the youth. She mentioned that she met with Chris Sanchez yesterday and she learned about some of the things that the Board is doing and she got excited. She noted that she works with the City and they do water conservation. They try to teach people about the importance of water; where our drinking water comes from and how it is distributed. They also teach about wastewater, where it goes and how it is treated, recycled and reused, etc.

She noted that they started working with youth at Santa Fe High and Monte del Sol and they help them in a lot of different ways. They help them with the Water Fiesta where they have peer educators. They have teenagers who put together presentations and they give the presentations to the 4th graders, for example. She said this is interacting and exciting but they want to do more. She was present today asking the Board and youth for their help and ideas.

She said there is the issue and threat of climate change now and we all need to be thinking about how we are going to deal with this and how are we going to move forward in the future in ways to educate people and help people understand that we have to make changes now because it is all of our future and we all need to be a part of this.

She explained that it has been very dry and there is no snow in the mountains, there is no water to melt down to the river, which can be a problem because the less water in the river, the less water we have to drink.

She said she is here to ask the Board for their help in getting the messages out. The students can do campaigns in their schools and the City can support the youth in getting them everything they need to do this and prepare to get the message out.

Ms. Chavez asked there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Flores said he knows that Santa Fe High has different academies that are on environment and maybe there is a teacher who would want to talk to Ms. Chavez. He said there are teachers who are very passionate about climate change and how it is affecting us. He said there are also people who do not think or believe that climate change is happening even though it is and they deny the fact that they are ruining their own world.

Ms. Chavez said she absolutely agrees. She said they have worked with lots of groups but she thinks she would have a larger effect if she works with the youth-to help develop campaigns that means something and different things like Snap Chat. She said they need these ideas and the youth advocating the message and change could be huge.

Mr. De Mella suggested that the Board take a field trip to the water plant (Buckman Direct Diversion) and the Wastewater Treatment Plant to see how things work and where the water comes from.

Mr. Vigil said the students do not have school on March 6th due to the election and this would be a good time to have the field trip.

Ms. Sarkissian said they should have a big community event, rather than just the youth. It is also important to inform adults about water, how it gets recycled, how we are able to access water, etc. She thinks we also need to stress the importance of people using reusable water bottles.

Ms. Gulliford said it would be good to incorporate this into lesson plans.

Ms. Chavez mentioned that they have "Earth Day" coming up at the Railyard and they are trying to recruit youth to help them there – wear t-shirts and spread the message about saving water, etc. She offered to bring additional information back to the Board at the next meeting.

Library Survey

Ms. Gulliford said the libraries are interested in having the Board and other teens respond to a survey on what libraries can do to support the youth and meet their educational goals; what kind of technology would teens like to see for both knowledge consumption and knowledge production; and what would they like to see in terms of a welcoming space for teens at the LaFarge Library. She distributed copies of the survey and noted that the survey is also available online.

Ms. Reich said the City is about to undertake an assessment to see how close the libraries are to being "21st Century" and it would be incredibly important to hear from teens

about this.

Ms. Gulliford said they need to translate the Spanish surveys and she asked if anyone knew anyone who could do this. There was no response to this.

Ms. Reich said they would also like to hold small focus groups to interview teens to get a deeper understanding of what teens want or would like to see in a library.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Its business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Rudy Flores
Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison

Respectively submitted by:

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Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer