



AGENDA

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting 2019-03
Tuesday – July 9, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, FL 32907

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-02; May 14, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Individuals wishing to speak on specific agenda items can do so at the time the item is being considered by the Board. The Chairperson will ask if there are any public comments prior to the Board taking action on the item. All speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of ideas presented by boardmembers:
 - a. Preparatory Classes, Saving Indian River Lagoon, and City Sponsored Events. (Boardmember Chua)(**CONTINUED FROM 05-04-19**).
 - b. Scholarship opportunities for high school students. (Boardmember Maragh)
 - c. Reinstating 'Palm Bay Play Day'; playground equipment covers. (Boardmember Howell)
 - d. Additional meeting facilities for community groups. (Boardmember Moringlanes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. National Play Day; splash pads; Police Athletic League (PAL) Program.

THIS MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

ADJOURNMENT:

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Youth Advisory Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required, and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (FS 286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting shall, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (321) 952-3414 or Florida Relay System at 711.

City of Palm Bay, Florida

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting 2019-02

Held on Tuesday, the 14th day of May 2019, at the Palm Bay City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Perez at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Abigail Perez	Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON:	Alexzander Owens	Present (Late)
MEMBER:	Kristi Howell	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	
MEMBER:	Patrick Bersoux	Present
MEMBER:	Linval Maragh III	Present
MEMBER:	Katrina Moringlanes	Present
MEMBER:	Michaela Chua	Absent
MEMBER:	Joseph Stokes	Present
MEMBER:	Kevin Haman	Absent
MEMBER:	Theresa Steelman	Present
MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present (Late)

ALSO PRESENT:

Kenny Johnson, Councilman; Terese Jones, City Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-01; April 30, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Bersoux, seconded by Mr. Maragh, to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting 2019-01. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Owens joined the meeting at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were heard after New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of ideas presented by boardmembers:

a. “Night Light Park” (Chairperson Perez);

Chairperson Perez said the goal was to have a safe environment for teenagers to hang out on weekends. Once per month, the park lights could be extended and there would be structured activities and plans that would be at the youth’s expense. The City of Palm Bay would cover the costs for the additional use of lighting.

Miss Howell asked if any specific parks were being suggested. Chairperson Perez answered that Veterans Park would be a good location to start. It had a lot of area to have sporting events and many other activities for a large crowd.

Mr. Maragh asked how long the lights would be kept on. Chairperson Perez said that a licensed 16-year old driver had a curfew of 11:00 P.M. She felt that ending the event around 10:30-11:00 P.M. would be appropriate.

Vice Chairperson Owens asked who would be regulating the event to ensure there was control. Chairperson Perez said there could be more law enforcement in the area for that evening, either driving around or at the event location. There could also be volunteers to assist in the organization of the activities. Mr. Bersoux believed that Palm Bay had Youth Service Officers that may be able to assist as well.

b. Fundraisers to assist local food pantries and other organizations (Vice Chairperson Owens);

Vice Chairperson Owens presented the item. He suggested a local sports event, such as flag football, basketball, etc. There could be teams of five to eight people that would pay to enter in the event and all proceeds would be dedicated to local food pantries or other organizations as agreed upon by the Board.

Mr. Bersoux asked who would organize the events and reach out to the organizations. Vice Chairperson Owens said he would handle the event and make the necessary contacts.

Miss Howell asked if there would be alternative fundraisers for those who were not specifically interested in sports. Vice Chairperson Owens suggested Jeopardy or artistry. Mr. Bersoux advised that Bayside High School had an event called Battle Companies, a strategic battle game which was half physical and half mental.

Councilman Johnson suggested that the ideas be integrated into one main event.

c. Preparatory Classes, Saving Indian River Lagoon, and City Sponsored Events (Board Member Chua).

As Miss Chua was unable to attend the meeting, the board concurred to continue the item to the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

☞ PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Individuals made general comments. Boardmembers answered questions posed by the public. Comments included contacting the Police Department as they had done something similar to the night out. It was questioned how to control the noise level so that other neighborhoods were not affected.

Mr. Poppe advised of the Police Athletic League (PAL) that used to be located in a nearby shopping center. He said there was currently a monthly teen dance and Kids Night Out on Fridays. He mentioned that keeping the lights on at the park until 11:00 P.M. was not an issue as it was permitted pursuant to the Palm Bay Code of Ordinances. He found that advising affected residents of an upcoming event had proven to be very effective in reducing and/or eliminating complaints.

Miss Moringlanes asked how violence would be controlled. Chairperson Perez said there would be increased police presence.

Mr. Maragh said he wanted to see other activities besides sports. Mr. Bersoux suggested chess, checkers, etc. but in the large size.

A resident recommended that in addition to police presence, there could be mentorship programs and coaches that could provide supervision. Councilman Johnson cautioned the board to ensure that background checks had been performed on any adults that were to be involved in events with youth. He said that the Board needed to engage friends and peers and ask what activities they would want in the City.

A resident commented that communication was critical and dissemination of the information was very important. Mr. Bersoux said that many schools were represented on the Board and each boardmember could request that event information be posted at their respective schools. Miss Howell asked that events be posted on the City's Instagram page as the majority of students utilized that form of social media.

Ms. Bowes-Valcin joined the meeting at this time

Ms. Steelman suggested booths for businesses at the events that were geared towards teens. They could also pay to use the booths. Chairperson Perez supported the idea as long as businesses were there to assist the teens academically, athletically and/or

socially. Mr. Bersoux added that if the environment was over-professionalized, it may deter teens from attending events.

Miss Howell did not agree with adding academic tutoring to the events as the other activities would cause a distraction. Mr. Bersoux was concerned about having kids out too late. It was not an issue for older teenagers, but he felt it may be a problem for freshmen and sophomores. There was further discussion on the ideas presented.

Councilman Johnson advised that he was working on a partnership with Club Esteem, a tutoring and mentorship organization. He would ask the Executive Director to attend the next meeting and provide input.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Miss Howell asked about the placement of covers over the playsets at playgrounds, more events at the community centers, and the addition of another swimming pool. Vice Chairperson Owens asked how funds would be raised for the playground covers. Miss Howell said she would like a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. Chairperson Perez asked what activities would be held at the community centers. Miss Howell said it would be similar to the Teen and Pre-Teen Nights with dances and would be supervised by the staff at the community center.

Mr. Poppe advised that the shade covers were very expensive and labor intensive. If there was severe weather, the covers had to be taken down each time. The minimum cost to replace the existing covers was \$150,000. Compared to the needs of all departments in the City, it was not a high priority, but it was discussed every budget season. Mr. Poppe said that the pool at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center was in need of major repair and the cost was estimated at a minimum of \$500,000. Chairperson Perez asked if there was any way that the City could find equipment that would not absorb as much heat. Mr. Poppe said there were only three materials that were structurally sound: wood, metal, and plastic. Miss Howell suggested fundraising for the playground covers or get a business sponsor. Mr. Poppe said the City had an aggressive marketing program with the business community, but it was a matter of how much the business was willing to spend. Mr. Bersoux did not feel the Board could raise the amount of money needed.

2. Miss Moringlanes asked if the Board had a budget. Mrs. Jones answered that a budget had not been established for the Board. Councilman Johnson explained that each department had its own budget. Advisory boards did not have budgets but could make recommendations to City Council and City Council would decide to include any recommendations into the City's overall budget.

3. Ms. Steelman said she was unaware of the dances at the community center. As a teacher of middle school students, she wanted to see activities for the middle school age groups, not just high school. Councilman Johnson suggested that the Board ask if

announcements could be made at their schools advising of upcoming events. Mr. Poppe said that, in the past, the City had provided quarterly flyers to the schools, but it was no longer permitted due to School Board policy. He and Councilman Johnson had been working on a joint use agreement with the schools which would include the ability to relay information to the students. There was further discussion as to how to get information to the student body through the schools' administration offices.

4. Mr. Bersoux said that the boardmembers could attend the various student organizations at their schools, such as the debate clubs and the student body government, to gain their ideas and bring back to the Board. Mr. Maragh said it was also important get participation and attendance at the meetings from the students. Mr. Bersoux said that if the Board engaged with the students and they began to convey their ideas, those students may want to eventually become a member of the Board. It was a matter of raising awareness and getting the students interested.

5. Vice Chairperson Owens said that were a lot of accidents among teen drivers. He recommended more opportunities for driver educational courses. Councilman Johnson said that any courses held at the high schools were most likely handled by the School Board. He suggested that the Board ask for those key people to attend a Board meeting.

6. Mr. Bersoux mentioned that street lights were needed in many areas of the City, specifically the Bayside Lakes area. Mrs. Jones would contact the Public Works Department for information.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Abigail Perez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, City Clerk

☞ Indicates item was considered out of sequence or added to the agenda.