AGENDA

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting 2019-04
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-03; July 9, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

<u>Public Comments on Agenda Items</u> – 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. Presentations by various organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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.

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CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2019-03

Held on Tuesday, the 9th day of July 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	Absent
MEMBER:	Kristi Howell	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	
MEMBER:	Ronald Regan	Present
MEMBER:	Linval Maragh III	Present
MEMBER:	Katrina Moringlanes	Present
MEMBER:	Michaela Chua	Present
MEMBER:	Joseph Stokes	Absent
MEMBER:	Kevin Haman	Present
MEMBER:	Theresa Steelman	Present
MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Kenny Johnson, Councilman; Nelson Moya, Police Chief; Lori Parker, Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation Department; Terese Jones, City Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

Motion by Miss Howell, seconded by Miss Moringlanes, to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting 2019-02. Motion carried unanimously.

Katye Campbell, District 5 School Board Member and liaison to the YAB, introduced herself to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of ideas presented by board members:

a. Preparatory Classes, Saving Indian River Lagoon, and City Sponsored Events. (Board Member Chua)(CONTINUED FROM 05-04-19).

Miss Chua presented the item to the Board. She suggested a financial literacy program to be implemented in the public libraries. Topics would include how to find a job, apply for a job, balance a checkbook, file taxes, discover your major/career, etc. The program could be held once a week or twice a month and the City could be a sponsor.

Ms. Campbell said there had been discussion about going through the legislature and adding financial literacy into the school programs. The issue was that students' schedules were already packed and half of a semester was dedicated to careers class. Ms. Campbell said she wanted to see financial literacy incorporated into the careers class. She would take this information back to Dr. Sullivan and see what resources were available. Miss Chua felt that the careers class was not taken seriously by the students as it was perceived as a "free" class.

Miss Chua said that she had been speaking with students about the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and they did not feel enough was being done to save the IRL. She said students at her school talked about having a large-scale volunteer project, such as planting mangroves, oyster mats, etc. Councilman Johnson said that Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) was instrumental in the efforts to save the IRL. He would invite a representative from KBB to the next meeting. Miss Perez said that the Lagoon House offered a lot of environment-related activities as well.

Miss Chua addressed City sponsored events. She wanted recreational activities for youth in the community. She said that kids were faced with drug use and vaping, and she wanted something for them to do other than resorting to bad habits. Chief Moya explained the Police Athletic League (PAL) Program. However, due to budget constraints, PAL had

been eliminated from the budget. There had been recent discussions with staff to reignite the Program, with the possibility of dividing the Program into two branches – one for the Explorer Program, and the other for the PAL Program. Miss Chua felt that PAL was geared more towards athletics and was not for everyone. Miss Howell recalled "Nights Out" out at the Community Center and asked if PAL was similar to those events. Chief Moya confirmed same and said that PAL could collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Department on events for teens.

Mr. Haman asked if staff had any contacts with other agencies' PAL Programs so that the Board could get an idea of exactly how they operated, as well as the activities offered. Chief Moya answered that the Cities of Melbourne and West Melbourne had robust programs. Mr. Haman asked that a representative from those agencies speak at the next meeting.

b. Scholarship opportunities for high school students. (Board Member Maragh)

Mr. Maragh presented the item to the Board. He suggested holding a class at a City facility or at the library for students to seek scholarship opportunities.

A resident commented that guidance counselors used to be actively engaged with students and advising of these opportunities. He asked the Board what was occurring in their schools to ensure that this type of information was being received by students. Miss Perez said that Palm Bay High School offered an Avid Program in which there were a lot of discussions of scholarships, college projects, and college tours. Miss Chua said that she was in a program where students were prioritized based on their grades, so she was inundated with that type of information. However, for her friends that were not as academically successful, she could not say that they had received the same experience and she felt that was a problem. Ms. Campbell provided further information on attaining scholarships and said there were many available that no one really knows exists. She said that if the City was interested in having some type of class, she would communicate with Dr. Sullivan to see if a staff member from the School District could provide information for those "outside of the box" type scholarship opportunities.

Ms. Bowes-Valcin said she had created a program known as "Roads to Scholarships". Right now, it was specifically with the band students at Heritage High School. They met every Sunday and applied for scholarships, toured colleges, participated in internship programs and volunteered at events.

Miss Chua felt that all of this information should be included with financial literacy and preparatory classes.

c. Reinstituting 'Palm Bay Play Day'; playground equipment covers. (Boardmember Howell)

Miss Howell presented the item to the Board. She said it was very successful in the past and suggested that the City partner with Melbourne. Events could be kept simple, small and inexpensive. Miss Perez said that partnering with PAL could be an option and to contact Sergeant Spears in the Police Department. Ms. Parker would contact those individuals previously involved with the event. Mr. Maragh asked specifics about the event. Ms. Parker said it was mostly recreation related, was held annually at several locations throughout the City, with each location having a different theme.

Miss Howell had an item from the last meeting regarding equipment covers. She had received a little resistance from staff due to safety reasons and funding, but she did not believe it was too expensive. There were only six (6) playgrounds that did not have covers and asked if funding was available. She suggested taking monies for the renaming of facilities to use for better services. Councilman Johnson said that staff could be invited to provide a presentation on the Parks and Recreation budget. Ms. Parker said there were seven (7) parks that were in need of replacement and/or installation of covers at a cost of $20,000 each. McGriff Park needed new cables for the covers; three (3) parks had equipment that was too tall and three (3) that were currently shaded; two (2) parks needed playground equipment replaced first before installing covers. All covers were on the wish list but funding was needed. Mr. Maragh asked how long covers typically lasted. Ms. Parker answered that they could last for years as long as they were taken down regularly, but the material had to also withstand the harsh sun.

d. Additional meeting facilities for community groups. (Boardmember Moringlanes)

Miss Moringlanes presented the item to the Board. She said there were many youth and community groups that did not have a safe place to hold meetings. Most places did not permit meetings after hours; some churches only allowed meetings if you were a member of the church; some spaces were too small; or there was a charge to utilize the space. Miss Chua agreed that facilities were needed, but when she wanted to meet with her group, they would meet at a restaurant. She added that it was difficult to find a quiet space, but it was not impossible. Miss Moringlanes said she liked the idea of approaching

businesses to explain the purpose of the meeting. Then they may be more open to permitting use of their space. Councilman Johnson said students could contact non-profit groups in advance to utilize their rooms. Miss Chua felt that churches would be the best option. Ms. Bowes-Valcin added that a supermarket that recently opened in Melbourne had a large conference room which was available to the public.

A resident suggested that the City put out an announcement to all businesses and then create a list of those that would be willing to donate their space. Councilman Johnson said the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce could be instrumental in that endeavor. The President/CEO would be invited to the next meeting to discuss same.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

National Play Day and PAL were discussed under Item 1(a), under New Business.

Miss Howell said she was aware of only one splash pad in the City. It was a great way for kids to cool off during the hot weather. It was also a great filler for when the Palm Bay Aquatic Center was unavailable. Councilman Johnson said he would get costs from the City of West Melbourne for the splash pad located at the Field of Dreams. He added that the location would have to be centralized. Ms. Parker would research the most amicable locations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:52 P.M.

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Abigail Perez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Terese M. Jones, City Clerk