



AGENDA

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting 2020-02
Monday, August 24, 2020 - 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 2020-01; June 30, 2020.

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. Florida League of Cities – Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest.
2. Mike Newton – Steam Day Update.
3. Ron Martin – Hurricane Preparation Teams.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of scheduling meetings dates/times for the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

THIS MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

Pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, Executive Order 20-69, and Palm Bay Resolution 2020-30, notice is hereby given that the Youth Advisory Board shall hold the above public meeting on August 24, 2020, beginning at 6:30 P.M. and lasting until the meeting is complete. The meeting will be conducted via communications media technology (teleconference/video conference).

Public comments may be submitted via email at yabcomments@palmbayflorida.org. All comments submitted will be included as part of the public record for this virtual meeting and will be considered by the Youth Advisory Board prior to any action taken. Comments must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and shall have a time limit of three (3) minutes.

Pursuant to Resolution 2020-30, members of the public wishing to use electronic media when addressing the Youth Advisory Board must provide the electronic file to staff for screening no later than 2:00 P.M. on the day of the meeting.

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 2020-01

Held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Perez at the hour of 6:38 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Abigail Perez	Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON:	Alexzander Owens	Absent
MEMBER:	Vacant	
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MEMBER:	Ronald Reagan	Present
MEMBER:	Joseph Stokes	Present
MEMBER:	Joshua Grady	Present
MEMBER:	Miguel Wisener Cuartas	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	
ADULT MEMBER:	Vacant	
ADULT MEMBER:	Vacant	
ADULT MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present

CITY STAFF: Present was Kenny Johnson, Deputy Mayor; Jill Jacobs, Deputy City Attorney; Terese Jones, City Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-05; November 18, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Reagan, seconded by Mr. Stokes, to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES:

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pre-Storm Preparations – Keith Heinly, United Way of Brevard.

Mr. Heinly said that United Way had significant disaster related responsibilities in the event of the storm. The team members worked at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) assisting 2-1-1 with answering hotline calls. They were also actively involved at the request of the EOC staff in coordinating potential water distribution as well as coordinating, recruiting and placing volunteers to help with many aspects of disaster response. Mr. Heinly further explained how United Way assisted during disasters and the current pandemic. He said that, typically, shelters would be available, but due to COVID-19, additional shelters had to be opened in order to provide more space. He answered questions posed by board members.

Ms. Valcin-Bowes asked how students could develop a team and would they receive community hours for same. Mr. Heinly answered that developing a team was easy, but other requirements such as proper training, liability insurance, and background checks had to be done. He preferred that unaffiliated groups join teams that were already established due to volunteer liability reasons. He provided information on training and contacts for same.

2. Cool Cops – Chief Nelson Moya, Palm Bay Police Department; Elena Little, Club Esteem.

Chief Moya and Ms. Little were unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Mayor Johnson explained that pursuant to the Board's direction, the City launched the Cool Cops Program in collaboration with Club Esteem. It was a mentoring program in which police officers met with youth in the community every Friday, connecting and fostering relationships, and encouraging the teens to seek employment in law enforcement.

3. Consideration of scheduling meetings dates/times for the board.

Mrs. Jones suggested the 3rd Monday or Tuesday of each month. She would send an email to the board members to confirm same.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Junior Achievement of the Space Coast – Money 101 for Teens; August 22 and 29, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Palm Bay City Hall.

2. Military Tribute Banners (Board Member Stokes) – Mr. Stokes presented the item to the Board. He said the banners were a way to honor those who had served or were currently serving our nation. City staff supported the program and would coordinate with the Florida Power and Light for approval to utilize light poles. He proposed that the YAB

be the driving force in recommending the program to City Council. It would be presented to Council at its meeting on July 16, 2020. Mr. Stokes requested feedback from the Board and approve moving forward to City Council for final consideration.

Motion by Mr. Reagan, seconded by Miss Perez, to recommend the Military Tribute Banner Program to City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:14 p.m.

Abigail Perez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, City Clerk



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Florida League of Cities Announces Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest Winners

Alachua, Niceville, Tampa, Wellington and West Park youth councils recognized for volunteer service projects

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, today announced the winners of the 2020 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest. Hosted annually, this contest showcases community service projects performed by municipal youth councils that successfully address specific needs in their local communities.

Composed of high school students within the city, municipal youth councils are special councils that typically serve as an advisory board to the local government. They are sometimes referred to as youth corps, teen advisory boards or mayor’s youth councils.

“I’m passionate about engaging youth in the work of local government, and municipal youth councils are an excellent way to do that,” said **Florida League of Cities President Isaac Salver, council member** for the **Town of Bay Harbor Islands**. “These students are the next generation of civic leaders, and if what we’ve seen from youth councils throughout Florida is any indication, our future looks incredibly bright. On behalf of the League, I congratulate this year’s award winners.”

This year’s contest winners and their projects are:

- **City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council** – “*Election Education for Youth.*”
- **City of Niceville Youth Advisory Council** – “*Twin Cities Pavilion Parade.*”
- **City of Tampa Mayor’s Youth Corps & Leadership Council** – “*Cyrus Greene Community Center Tutoring Program.*”
- **Village of Wellington Youth Council** – “*Helping Youth by Providing Empowerment.*”
- **City of West Park Youth Council** – “*COVID-19 Food Give-A-Ways.*”

The **City of Alachua Youth Advisory Council** launched the “**Election Education for Youth**” project to help educate local students about elections. To do this, they setup information booths at high schools within the city where they engaged with students directly to talk about elections and answer questions. They also provided information on local, state and federal elections, voter registration and the election process overall. The goal of the project was to help young or soon-to-be voters be better informed and more civically engaged.

The **“Twin Cities Pavilion Parade”** project from the **City of Niceville Youth Advisory Council** was a community event focused on supporting the senior citizens of Niceville during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the event, the council recruited volunteers to participate in a drive-by vehicle parade and collected letters and cards to give to the senior residents. The result was a parade of more than 50 vehicles, all decorated with signs and banners offering words of encouragement, dozens of letters with well wishes and positive messages, and a group of senior citizens whose spirits were dramatically lifted.

Through their **“Cyrus Greene Community Center Tutoring Program,”** members of the **City of Tampa Mayor’s Youth Corps & Leadership Council** tutored local elementary and middle school students. During the school year, the council volunteered four days a week at the Cyrus Greene Community Center where they helped students with everything from writing assignments to long division math problems. The council’s goal for the program was to not only help educate these students, but also to inspire them.

The **“Helping Youth by Providing Empowerment”** program from the **Village of Wellington Youth Council** was designed to provide academic support to local elementary and middle school students. As part of the program, the council created **“HYPE (Helping Youth by Providing Empowerment) Hall,”** which serves as a place for the village’s youth to do homework, prepare for tests, complete group projects or even play board games with other children. The council’s goal for the project was to create a safe and welcoming place for local students. The program is proving to provide an important service to the community.

The **City of West Park Youth Council** worked with city leaders, the local Broward Sheriff’s Office District and Feeding South Florida for the **“COVID-19 Food Give-A-Ways”** project. After noticing that the community needed help accessing food during the COVID-19 pandemic, these groups joined forces to host free drive-through food distribution events. So far, they’ve hosted eight events and provided almost half-a-million pounds of food.

Contest winners will receive a trophy, be featured in the League’s award-winning magazine, *Quality Cities (QC)*, and have their projects featured on the League’s website and social media accounts.

For information on the winning projects, [click here](#).

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in “Local Voices Making Local Choices,” which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida’s communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.