

City of Greenbelt
Youth Advisory Committee
Monday, December 8, 2014
Minutes

Present: Katia Cavigelli (Chair), Fahmi Abadir, Sophie Bernheisel, Honora Hamett, Jeremy Tuthill, Patrick Gleason (Adult Member)

Staff: Alison Longworth (Liason)

Katia Cavigelli called meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center.

1. **Minutes Approved:** For November 2014 meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0 in favor.

Old Business

2. **Crosswalk draft report approval**

Katia Cavigelli will email the proposal to the committee and the group will respond with their votes and suggestions. The committee looked over Alison Longworth's pictures and discussed multiple suggestions for Council. The committee suggested that the area needs a crosswalk, whether it is next to the sidewalk or the indented curb. It was also added that a stop sign could solve the issue. The committee decided that the report should suggest different solutions and that Council will decide on the best implementation.

3. **National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Conference**

Alison Longworth informed the committee about a Council member's support of the committee attending the conference. Fahmi Abadir shared that he researched the conference's schedule for 2014 and found that there was a youth seminar. He suggested committee members look into attending that portion of the conference. Jeremy Tuthill stated that he might have a conflict during the period of the conference: March 7-11, 2015. Alison Longworth advised that there is time to figure out the logistics of attending the conference.

New Business

4. **Code of Conduct**

City Clerk, Cindy Murray, provided Alison Longworth with Code of Conduct agreements for the committee members to endorse. The committee reviewed the codes and all members returned the signed forms to Alison Longworth.

5. **By-Laws**

Alison Longworth informed the committee that the Youth Advisory Committee By-Laws have not been updated since 1992. She continued by explaining that Cindy Murray is revising the document.

6. **Smoking Prohibition approved by City Council**

Alison Longworth briefed the committee about the Roosevelt Center smoking prohibition approved by Council. She reported that the prohibition is in the area from the underpass to the Mother and Child statue with the exception of three feet from storefronts. The storefronts are under the business' control. The committee inquired about the storefront areas, whether smoke would drift to the public area

of Roosevelt Center. Alison Longworth stated that she would keep the committee updated on the implementation and reinforcement of the prohibition. The smoking prohibition was approved by Council at the November 10th.

7. Plaque at Braden Field

Patrick Gleason stated that there is a pedestal but no plaque at Braden Field. Patrick Gleason suggested having a rededication ceremony in which a refurbished plaque is reattached to the pedestal. The committee agreed and Alison Longworth said she would ask her colleagues about the plaque's status.

8. Active Recruiting

The committee focused on the proposition to recruit in the AP Capstone class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Sophie Bernheisel, Fahmi Abadir and Katia Cavigelli are in the class and are interested in presenting the committee to the students. Along with flyers, applications, and a rehearsed presentation to the class, Fahmi Abadir suggested the committee present a map of Greenbelt divided by the various Greenbelt corridors. He suggested that the map would highlight areas of Greenbelt not currently represented by youth members. Four of the five current youth members live in Old Greenbelt. The committee is keen on having the committee comprised of a representative group of the Greenbelt youth population. Katia Cavigelli suggested that the group look towards expanding the group beyond seven members for this representation to be possible. Alison Longworth suggested that at the January meeting, the committee's project would be to devise a plan and procedure for the recruiting process.

9. January 12th meeting location

A Greenbelt East location was suggested as well as the Greenbelt Youth Center.

10. Committee Initiated Discussion

There was no committee-initiated discussion.

Katia Cavigelli adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm

11. Post-Meeting Business

As stated above, Katia Cavigelli emailed the crosswalk report to members. Report was approved unanimously 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Katia Cavigelli, Chair