

City of Greenbelt
Youth Advisory Committee
Monday June 13, 2016

Present: Jeremy Tuthill (Vice Chair), Julia Sharapi, Ema Smith, Hunter Whaples

Staff: Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Jeremy Tuthill called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm at the Youth Center conference room.

Old Business

1. **Minutes Approved:** February, April, and May minutes all approved 4-0 in favor
2. **NLC Topic: Heroin Epidemic:** Alison Longworth noted that none of the YAC members personally know anyone who uses heroin. Jeremy Tuthill suggested the catchphrase “Don’t Do It” as approach to heroin. Suggestions of talking to police about the crisis, such as prevention and signs as well as its person effect on our community. Alison Longworth suggests the possibility of creating a short PSA that could be played in the Old Greenbelt Theatre to help raise awareness.
Immigration: Ema Smith expresses that we need more specific information about the demographics of immigration in our community. Alison Longworth clarifies that the issue is about integrating immigrants into our community to make them more welcome.
3. **YAC Logo for T-Shirts:** Appears that committee has a basic outline for the logo, Julia Sharapi is asked to polish up the design. Suggested Sophie Bernheisel talk to people on the Arts Advisory Board to see if they have experience with shirt designing.
4. **YAC Liaison Reports:** Ema Smith- Advisory Committee on Education- Main discussion was the problems with the ACE awards. Problems include scheduling so they ran late, schools submitting late so there is more work for ACE members, and schools submitting names of students who do not live in Greenbelt. Talk of awarding to 2 people, rather than strictly an award for a boy and for a girl.
Hunter Whaples will receive the information regarding the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and plans to attend the next meeting

New Business

1. **Youth Triathlon water station:** Ema Smith, Julia Sharapi, and Jeremy Tuthill attended. They all agreed it was enjoyable. Ema Smith suggested a Youth Color Run for next year.
2. **Summer Break:** YAC did not take a break last year but historically has. Group voted 4-0 in favor of not taking a break because of plans to have a booth during Labor Day weekend. Next meeting will be July 11th, 2016.

3. Committee Initiated Discussion: Alison Longworth and Hunter Whaples discuss creating a ping pong tournament.

Hunter Whaples brings up the controversial luxury apartments. People complaining as there would have to be rezoning and leveling of the forest land. Alison Longworth brings up the positive effect it will have on the economy. Hunter Whaples brings up the negative impact it could have on schools. Overcrowding of already overcrowded schools could lead to the need for building a new school building which would take a lot of money. The group is unsure if these apartments would bring in new families or young professionals.