

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, January 25th, 2019
5:30 Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Present: Arsalan Siddiqui (Chair), Findley Holland (Vice Chair), Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Absent: Honora Hammett

Guests: Marcylyn, Tynhana, and Macahi Barnett; Malik Gupta; Larry Hilliard; Winnie Okupe and children

Arsalan called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

Old Business

1. Minutes: December minutes were approved. The November minutes were not submitted and will be reviewed at a later date.
2. Youth Advisory Encouragement Letters to Neighboring Municipalities: Alison has presented old sample letters which she will email to the committee for review and updating. The updated letter will be signed at the February meeting. Alison also has a list of cities that the committee will send the letters out too.
3. Crime Prevention: New police Chief Richard Bower is stricter about Roosevelt students skipping class and leaving school grounds. Arsalan suggested inviting Chief Bower to the February meeting. He will email the Chief, formally inviting him.

New Business

1. Advisory Committee Liaison Reports:
 - a. Arsalan: PRAB discussed the blueprints of the housing complex that will replace Beltway Plaza. The houses will be high rise apartments and townhouses which will replace most of the stores in the mall.
The major concern is if new housing is built and children come, schools such as Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS)- which are already overcrowded-will become even more over crowded.
Arsalan was asked by the chair of the election committee to resign from YAC and join the election committee. Arsalan plans to become a liaison for the committee but will stay on YAC for a while.
2. NLC in March: Honora will not be attending the conference. The Youth Delegate Planning Committee is planning “great” workshops for the youth attending the conference according to Arsalan.
3. Committee Initiated Discussion: A guest -Winnie Okupe- said that she was happy to come to the meeting and that Meet-n-Greets was a good idea. Larry Hilliard mentioned that the Random Act of Kindness group of Greenbelt will be having a walk around Greenbelt on March 31st where people can come and walk; meeting people and getting

active. There will be breaks every 30 minutes. Larry suggests that YAC participates for at least one half an hour period.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Findley Holland