

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 13, 2016

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lexi Cooper, at 4:33 p.m. at Kerrville City Hall, in the upstairs conference room. Mayor White provided an invocation and Lydia Prislovsky lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lexi Cooper	Council Member
Kianna Dao	Council Member
Naomi Exum	Council Member
Shelby Freeman	Council Member
Roman Garcia	Council Member
Sydney Garcia	Council Member
Will Guerriero	Council Member
Nicole Lorange	Council Member
Mason Olmsted	Council Member
Lydia Prislovsky	Council Member
Bonnie White	Mayor

Attendance at City Council

Sept. 13th, Sept. 27th

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 25th

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Margaret Burniston	Council Member
Christian Cook	Council Member
Ileana Scoccia	Council Member
Emma Soth	Council Member
Ryan Stanton	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kaitlin Berry	Special Projects Manager
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VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Al Gibson, President of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Hill Country Chapter 31, provided a brief introduction and information regarding the history and purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR Hill Country Chapter meets every second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 A.M. Anyone is invited to attend the meetings as a guest. The SAR hosts an annual essay contest and poster contest for students in Texas. Al Gibson provided brochures to the Council for further study of the organization.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2A. Roman Garcia moved to approve the minutes for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting held on September 8, 2016. Shelby Freeman seconded, and the motion passed 10-0.

VISIT TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JUDGE POLLARD

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the regular meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council was recessed by Chair Lexi Cooper, at 4:40 P.M., to visit the Kerr County Courthouse and Judge Pollard. The Council toured the Kerr County Juvenile Courtroom with the Honorable Judge Pollard, received a summary of the Texas Juvenile Justice System, and information about Kerr County's Juvenile Detention Center.

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the regular meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council was called back into session by Chair Lexi Cooper, at 5:24 P.M. at Kerrville City Hall, in the upstairs conference room.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

4A. Report from Will Guerriero regarding volunteer opportunities at the V.A. and Meals on Wheels.

Over the summer, Mr. Guerriero volunteered at the Kerrville Dietert Center and the Veterans Affairs Hospital (V.A.). Mr. Guerriero spoke of the many volunteer opportunities that are available to members of the Council at these facilities. Mr. Guerriero is in close contact with the volunteer coordinator at the Dietert Center and will pass said information to any members of the council seeking to volunteer there. Mr. Guerriero outlined the Dietert Center's "Take 5" program which is designed to assist disabled and elderly members of the community.

Mr. Guerriero then went on to explain the different volunteer opportunities available to the Council at the V.A. Hospital. Volunteer opportunities at the V.A. Hospital include Bingo at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, assisting with various activities throughout the year, and volunteering to help with special events such as the Veterans Day Parade, Thanksgiving Dinner, and the 4th of July celebrations.

4B. Discussion regarding the concession stands at the new Athletic Complex.

Discussion regarding the concession stands at the new Athletic Complex was led by Roman Garcia. Mr. Garcia asked Mayor White if members of the council were permitted to ask questions concerning city projects she has knowledge of. Mayor White answered in the affirmative. Mr. Garcia expressed concerns regarding the placement and accessibility of the concession stands at the new Kerrville Athletic Complex. He asked the Mayor if she knew if the concession stands would be placed in such a way that they are easily viewable and accessible from the athletic fields, making it easier for parents to supervise young children buying merchandise, and for concession stand employees to monitor the games. Mayor White and Ms. Berry were not certain as to the placement of the concession stands at the Athletic Complex. Ms. Berry said that it was something that she would be able to find out about and relate Roman's concerns to City Staff.

4C. Discussion and establishment of project committees.

Lydia Prislovsky led the discussion on her prospect of establishing a service project committee in order to more easily plan and organize future community service projects for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. She suggested a committee be made up of 4 councilmembers. Mayor White expressed that the project committee could be no more than 2 councilmembers or it would be a violation of the Open Meetings Act. (Mayor White later corrected this statement when Ms. Prislovsky reminded her that a quorum of the MYAC is 8 councilmembers, not 2 council members as it is on the Kerrville City Council.)

Mayor White then went on to discuss the possible involvement of the MYAC at the Holiday Lighted Parade on November 19th (see 4E). Ms. Berry gave the Council information regarding the parade, deadline dates for submitting a float, and volunteer opportunities for the MYAC to help with the parade. Mayor White informed the Council that the Kerrville Fire Department had offered the opportunity for members of the MYAC to ride on KFD fire truck in the parade. Chair Lexi Cooper agreed that it would be more convenient to ride on a fire truck due to the extra time and work required to put a special float together. Members of the Council agreed that they would prefer to ride on the KFD fire truck instead of making a float. Roman Garcia moved to vote that the MYAC participate in the Holiday Lighted Parade, Naomi Exum seconded, and the motion passed 10-0.

Mr. Garcia then noted that the Council had skipped from item 4C on the agenda to item 4E. The discussion on the service project committee was resumed. Mayor White reminded the council that one of the main goals of the 2016 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council was that of volunteerism. She again suggested different types of service projects that the Council could participate in. Chair Lexi Cooper asked if there were specific committees that the council members wanted to be apart of. When no one answered with a suggestion for a specific type of committee, the Chair suggested that the Council appoint a general committee for all service organizations and asked for volunteers. Lydia Prislovsky volunteered to be on the service project committee. Sydney Garcia also volunteered. Roman Garcia moved to appoint Lydia Prislovsky and Sydney Garcia to the committee, Lexi Cooper seconded, and the motion was passed 10-0.

Naomi Exum asked if it would be possible to create a group message text for the council members so that it would be easier for everybody to contact each other in regards to the service projects. Mayor White answered in the negative because a group message with all the members would be in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Mayor White then restated the purpose of the committee. Mayor White gave the Service Project Committee ideas on how to gather information and organize service projects to place on the monthly agendas. Ms. Prislovsky then asked if the councilmembers could email each other. Mayor White answered in the negative. Ms. Prislovsky then asked that if the group was less than a quorum of 8 if they would be allowed to contact each other. Mayor White amended her statement and agreed that the Service Project Committee could be larger than only 2 members as she had mentioned before. Chair Lexi Cooper asked for more volunteers for the SPC. Roman Garcia volunteered. Naomi Exum moved to appoint Roman to the committee, Kianna Dao seconded, and the motion was passed 10-0.

Mr. Garcia then inquired about the rules regarding special meetings and Mayor White provided the details.

4D. Discuss the creation and dissemination of a community survey.

Mayor White spoke to the Council about a community survey that the City of Kerrville is conducting and then requested that council members interview their peers and ask, "What do you think would make Kerrville a better place?" Mayor White requested that the council members bring their results to the next MYAC meeting on November 10th.

4E. Discussion about participation in the 2016 Holiday Lighted Parade.

Chair Lexi Cooper summarized the discussion that was held earlier about the parade. Members of the MYAC will ride on the KFD fire truck on November 19, 2016.

## **5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

5A. BCFS Facility Tour on November 10th (may take whole meeting)

5B. Presentation on Library Volunteer Opportunities for January 12th

5C. Visit to Animal Control Facility

Item for Future Agendas:

Mayor White informed the MYAC that the Student Body President at Schreiner University is willing to come and give a presentation to the Council.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor White requested that the council members attend at least one City Council meeting prior to the end of the semester.

Kaitlin Berry made several announcements about special events in Kerrville including the Kerrville Chalk Festival (October 15-16) and the Kerrville Rev Fest at the Louise Hays Park (October 15). Ms Berry also mentioned that the Police Department will be holding a prescription drug take-back event (October 22) and mentioned that during Fire Prevention week (October 9-15), the KFD has been holding demonstrations about fire alarm and smoke detector safety.

Kianna Dao mentioned that the American Red Cross is supplying and installing fire alarms for needy people from 9-12 on Saturday, October 15th.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned 5:48 P.M.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ /s  
Lexi Cooper,  
Chair

DATE: Nov. 10, 2016

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ /s  
Kaitlin Berry,  
Special Projects Manager