

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
OF THE REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
November 10, 2016

On Thursday, November 10th, 2016, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Chair Lexi Cooper, at 4:33 p.m. at Kerrville City Hall, in the upstairs conference room. Roman Garcia offered an invocation and Christian Cook lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mary Margaret Burniston | Council Member |
| Christian Cook | Council Member |
| 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 |
| Emma Soth | Council Member |
| Bonnie White | Mayor |

Attendance at City Council

Sept. 13th, Sept. 27th

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Mason Olmsted | Council Member |
| Lydia Prislovsky | Council Member |
| Ileana Scoccia | Council Member |
| Ryan Stanton | Council Member |

Sept. 13th, Oct. 25th

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Kaitlin Berry | Special Projects Manager |
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1. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

No visitors were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Roman Garcia moved to approve the minutes for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting held on October 13, 2016. Will Guerriero seconded and the motion passed 11-0.

3. TOUR OF BCFS FACILITY:

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council temporarily recessed at 4:37pm to take a tour of the BCFS Facility. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council returned from the tour and resumed its regular meeting at 5:31pm.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4A. Ms. Cooper opened discussion on the Youth Advisory Council's planned participation in the Holiday Lighted Parade. Ms. Berry informed the council of the planned parade route and let them know to be at the designated staging area no later than 5:30pm. The Mayor then asked if the council members had come up with any ideas as far as what to wear for the parade. Ms. Cooper suggested wearing matching shirts. The Mayor then suggested wearing the matching city t-shirts each council member previously received, however, several council members were concerned it may be too cold to wear those shirts. Ms. Cooper then suggested that everyone wear ugly Christmas sweaters or festive headwear like Santa hats or reindeer antlers. The council voted 11-0 in favor of Ms. Cooper's suggestion. Ms. Cooper then asked if it would be possible to throw out candy during the parade. Ms. Berry said she would inquire about that and send out more details about the parade in an email prior to Saturday the 19th.

4B. Ms. Cooper asked the service committee members to provide a report on their progress. Roman Garcia explained that the committee had arranged a volunteer opportunity for the Veteran's Day Car Show and Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 12th. He said volunteers would assist with showing cars and would need to be available from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Mr. Garcia then asked if any members present would be available to attend. He explained that the volunteer coordinator had requested a list of the volunteers in order to make nametags. Sydney Garcia was the only additional member available to volunteer. Ms. Berry said she would send out an email to the full council with details about the opportunity and let Roman know if anyone was available to volunteer.

4C. Ms. Cooper then asked members to share the responses they received to the question Mayor White posed at the previous meeting. Ms. Cooper opened the discussion saying there was a general consensus among the individuals she spoke with that it would be nice if there were more places for teenagers to hang out in Kerrville. Suggestions given included a bowling alley, roller skating rink or trampoline park. It was noted that currently the movie theater is the only place in town for most teenagers to gather. Shelby Freeman then offered the responses she received, which also included more things for teens to do and more well-known shopping centers. It was also suggested an entertainment center with go karts may be a successful enterprise where teens could hang out. Roman Garcia then offered the feedback he received which included more shopping options and more youth centered events. The council concluded all of the following would be beneficial to consider: A guitar or music center, more sports stores, more store fronts or small businesses in downtown Kerrville, a livelier downtown and more places for young people to gather. Mayor White thanked each of the students for their responses.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Cooper asked if there are any items that members would like to place on future agendas. Mayor White suggested a tour of the library facilities and reminded the council of the previous idea to have a presentation from Animal Control Services and a presentation from the Schreiner University Government class. Mary Margaret

Burniston also suggested a presentation about Bark in the Park. Roman Garcia motioned to add all of those suggestions to a future agenda and Mary Margaret Burniston seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0. Naomi Exum then moved to also add consideration of participation in the Angel Tree project on to the December agenda. Mr. Guerriero seconded and the motion passed 11-0.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor White announced that a Veteran's Day wreath laying ceremony would occur at the Kerr County War Memorial at 11:00am on Friday, November 11th and later that day the Veteran's Day Parade would take place on Jefferson Street starting at 5:00pm. Mayor White also announced the details of the Blue Santa Program which is taking applications until November 18th and announced that City Hall and other municipal buildings will be closed on Thursday and Friday November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:54p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Lexi Cooper,
Chair

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____

Kaitlin Berry,
Special Projects Manager