

Minutes of a Meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee held remotely via Zoom on the above date at 6:32 p.m.

Present:

K. Ferguson
C. Hajek
T. Harvey
L. Kachkar
L. Brooks
J. Rushton
C. Fregene
S. Lavrinenko
R. Fitzner
Councillor Watkins

Absent:

K. Love
K. Melancon
M. Jackson

Staff:

J. Becker, Youth Asset Development Coordinator, Community Services

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared minutes of August 5, 2020 adopted as presented.

YOUTH COMMITTEE PROMOTION PLAN

- Due to COVID-19 protocols, visitors are not permitted in schools therefore we can be creative and try other approaches to recruiting new members for the committee. Showing a Power Point presentation by Zoom was suggested. J. Becker will contact leadership classes and ask for potential dates; C. Fregene, J. Rushton, R. Fitzner, C. Hajek, K. Love may be interested in presenting.
- We plan to continue building our Instagram. K. Love has been posting committee member profiles, this has been well received.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JOINT MEETING WITH SENIORS COMMITTEE

- The committee discussed agenda items for the joint meeting with the Seniors Advisory Committee on Wednesday October 21st. The two committees could

- approach City Council together or take part in a shared project.
- Possible discussion topics included:
 - Concerns about COVID-19 and Isolation
 - Transit and Mental Health Issues
 - Open/ Closed Businesses
 - Housing Concerns
- K. Ferguson will contact the Chair for the Seniors Committee to gather feedback and finalize the agenda.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION- KEEPING YOUTH ENGAGED

Many Youth Coordinators are struggling to create online activities to keep youth engaged and interacting with one another in positive ways. Committee members shared ideas including the following:

- Kahoot quizzes
- Throwback photos/ questions
- Promote National Novel Writing Month and other similar ideas or challenges
- Offer YAC-tivity Nights (fun activities facilitated by the Youth Advisory Committee)
- Conduct a poll on Instagram

COUNCIL UPDATE- COUNCILLOR WATKINS AND YAC COUNCIL LIAISONS

Councillor Watkins provided an update on items of interest including the following:

- Many discussions took place regarding preventing the spread of COVID-19 and wearing face coverings in public areas.
- City Council supports the preliminary and detailed design requirements of the full-scale Solar Farm and a portion of the Badger Lands will be allocated to support the development of solar as a green industry within the City.
- The 2020 Financial Forecast was presented to Council including Facility Re-openings, the City is making attempts to be extremely fiscally responsible; capital plans were reduced.
- The proposed Arts Development Advisory Committee was approved
- Mayor's Task Force will continue to support and advocate the coordination of homelessness prevention strategies among local, regional, provincial, and national organizations, as well as the public and private sectors.
- City Council is engaging in Advocacy for COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites in St. Albert

ROUND TABLE

The committee provided information on items of general interest, including:

- L. Kachkar mentioned that there have been no further updates on the Municipal Development Plan.
- S. Lavrinenko has moved to Quebec, she is currently able to continue her work with the committee.
- J. Becker discussed the upcoming Suicide Awareness Vigil, L. Kachkar has agreed to provide the welcoming remarks and land acknowledgment, L. Brooks is also

considering speaking at this event.

- J. Becker mentioned that the lease for the space at The Collective has been terminated and everything has been cleaned out. Additionally, B. Biermann who provided administration support for the Youth Committee has completed his contract position with the City.
- J. Becker acknowledged T. Harvey and K. Melancon for attending the Illuminate Event at Kingswood Park and thanked them for their assistance promoting Jack.org.
- K. Ferguson was contacted by the Transportation Department as they are in the process of advancing the engagement for the City's Posted Speed Limit Review and one of the aspects captured as an action was to hold a public workshop involving members of the Advisory Committees. Politikos Research will be leading a Virtual Focus Group on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please provide any feedback you have to K. Ferguson; two members of the Transit Subcommittee can attend the focus group on behalf of the Youth Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday October 7, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Kyle Ferguson

Kyle Ferguson (Dec 5, 2020 14:57 MST)

CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (Dec 4, 2020 14:31 MST)

DESIGNATED OFFICER