

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION
August 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
AMC, Aurora Room, 1st FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

TEAMBUILDING HELD INSIDE DUE TO WEATHER 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Spencer Scheef, Dhruv Shrivastava, Vinay Malik, Angela Guardado, Joe Lewis, Mitali Desai, Caleb Garvis, Kris Kerr, Jamie Nichols, and Angela Guardado.
- Commissioners absent: Zeru Christian, Josephine Stockton (Excused), Madison Dragon (Excused), Beck Varcoe (Excused), Jhostin Perez, Kevin Duncan (Excused), Joseph Soto (Excused), Kristina Lance (Excused).
- City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development
- Guests: Caleb Weiss and Natalie Perez, AYC applicants in progress. Manar Jeelani, new youth applicant, introduced herself. She is a junior at Smoky Hill High School. Vinay introduced his grandfather, Raj Kumar, who is visiting and appreciates getting to see AYC in action. Metropolitan State University student Kali DeWitt also introduced herself.
- III. Vinay moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Vinay moved to approve the May minutes, 2nd by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
- a) Treasurer Desai stated the budget is \$502.37 for the remainder of 2019.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a) Kali DeWitt, student at Metropolitan State University of Denver, shared she was attending this public meeting as part of a class requirement. She requested to conduct a brief interview of a Commission member after the meeting.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) Update on Ordinance change for non-resident youth members: Jenna shared a video clip of Josue Estrada's presentation at City Council's Study Session on July 15, 2019. Council members had a few questions and comments, and ultimately agreed with the change with a request that the Commission adopt internal guidelines to ensure AYC does not become an exclusively non-resident youth commission. The ordinance change was supported, and is going through the process of being adopted into law.
- A discussion followed on what being a non-resident means, how it only applies to youth members who are not registered to vote, and why Council would seek to limit the number of non-resident youth on the Commission. Josue motioned a vote to place a percentage cap of non-resident youth members serving. After additional discussion, Josue tabled the motion until more voting members were present to discuss the cap that will be incorporated into AYC's by-laws.
- Jenna presented for consideration another potential change to the by-laws regarding parent/guardians serving at the same time as their child. This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Updating the by-laws can be done anytime during the new school year.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**
- a) GoWild West, an event focused on getting youth and families outdoors, is Saturday, September 7, 12-4 p.m. at Moorhead Park. Jenna is seeking AYC volunteers for the event. Volunteers are requested for a minimum 2-hour shift. Volunteers will be confirmed at the September 5th meeting.

