

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION
September 5th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
AMC, Aurora Room, 1st FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

TEAMBUILDING SCAVENGER HUNT HELD IN THE XERICSCAPE GARDEN 6:30-7:10 p.m.

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:16 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Spencer Scheef, Dhruv Shrivastava, Vinay Malik, Mitali Desai, Joe Lewis, Joseph Soto, Kristina Lance, Josephine Stockton, Jhostin Perez, Madison Dragon, Zeru Christian, Jamie Nichols, Kevin Duncan, Natalie Perez and Caleb Weiss.
Commissioners absent: (Excused) Kris Kerr, Beck Varcoe, Caleb Garvis, Angela Guardado.
City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.
Guests: Manar Jeelani, youth applicant.
- III. Spencer moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Vinay. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Vinay moved to approve the August minutes, 2nd by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **REPORTS**
 - a) Treasurer Desai shared the AYC budget has \$502.37 remaining for 2019.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Jenna shared an opportunity on behalf of Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) who just kicked off a Regional Transportation Planning project. DRCOG is seeking youth engagement, something not done in previous plans, and are looking at youth commissions across the metro region to get input from younger residents. This is an opportunity to discuss the future of transportation, as well as meet other youth, and professionals in the transportation planning field. Vinay, Josephine, Mitali, Natalie, and Jamie each expressed interest in participating in the DRCOG planning effort. Joe Lewis, and other adult members, expressed they would also like an opportunity to give input. Jenna will relay this information.
 - b) After discussion on projects and ideas related to goals for 2019/2020 school year, members voted to determine themes for sub-committees. With this input, Chair Shrivastava created four sub-committees: Speakers, Community Projects/Events, Team Building, and Orientation/Life Skills.
During considerations for each sub-committee, Communications did not receive sufficient votes. Madison moved to have the Communications sub-committee reconsidered, 2nd by Joe Lewis. A vote was taken and the motion passed to include Communications as the fifth sub-committee. Each committee designated a Chair who will lead the effort and bring forward the ideas of their committee to the Commission.
 - c) AYC Officer Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Historian, usually occur in October per the AYC by-laws, with names submitted at a regular meeting one month prior. Josue motioned to postpone Officer Elections until November due to logistical obstacles, 2nd by Spencer. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. AYC youth interested in running for an Officer position(s) must submit their name at the October meeting. If you will be absent, declare your intent to Jenna by October 3rd. Youth can run for multiple positions, but if elected can only fill one officer position. Voting will go in order of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and then Historian. Elections will be held at the November 7th meeting.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) AYC ordinance change brought forth to City Council has passed and will be adopted into law on September 21st. This ordinance will allow students who attend an Aurora school, but who do not live within the city boundaries, to now become eligible to apply to the Aurora Youth Commission.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

- a) AYC members Madison, Jamie, and Beck will volunteer at the GoWild West in the Park event on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Moorhead Park.
- b) Josue presented on multiple scholarship opportunities opening soon for high school juniors and seniors.
- c) Joseph Soto suggested AYC youth can apply for the Congressional Award to aide in professional development.
- d) AYC welcomed newly appointed youth member Natalie Perez and adult member Caleb Weiss to the commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. by Vinay, 2nd by Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

Next AYC meeting is October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Room, 1st floor of AMC.

Approved AYC Minutes:

Dhruv
Signature

10/31/19
Date

Dhruv Shrivastava
Name

AYC Chair
Title