

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION
February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
AMC, Aurora Room, 1st FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.
 - II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Dhruv Shrivastava, Madison Dragon, Angela Guardado, Jamie Nichols, Beck Varcoe, Kevin Duncan, Kris Kerr, Caleb Weiss, Joseph Soto, Kristina Lance, Zeru Christian, Vinay Malik, Manar Jeelani, Natalie Perez, and Advik Shrivastava.
Commissioners absent: Excused: Jhostin Perez, Joe Lewis, Mitali Desai, Caleb Garvis, Spencer Scheef, and Josephine Stockton.
Guests: Brooke Bell, Nicole Johnston, Angela Lawson, Jim Schoepflin, and Marlin Guardado.
City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros, Erin Ahlholm, and Trevor Anderson with Youth Development.
 - III. Jamie moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Dhruv. The motion passed unanimously.
 - IV. Dhruv moved to approve January minutes, 2nd by Jamie. The motion passed unanimously.
 - V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Ward II Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Johnston and At-Large Council Member Angela Lawson provided an overview of a proposed bill making its way through the Colorado legislature that, if passed, allows youth 16 and older to participate in School Board elections. CM Lawson shared a resolution she is proposing in support of that bill and asked AYC if they would consider supporting the resolution, which would be presented to the full City Council. After discussion, Chair Guardado asked members to show, by raise of hands, who supports the resolution. The majority of members indicated they supported the resolution. Manar made a motion to support the City Council Resolution regarding the bill to allow youth 16 years of age and older to participate in School District elections, 2nd by Vinay. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Johnston informed AYC the Aurora Chief of Police, working with various local organizations, will be forming a group to address potential solutions to youth violence in the community. She would like to come back to AYC and present additional information for input and feedback.
- Chair Guardado moved without objection for a 10 minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.
- b) Jim Schoepflin, a former police officer and head of safety and security at an Adams County school district, gave an informative discussion on various self-protection methods. He noted that compassion, eye contact, location awareness and communication were critical components of keeping yourself safe in any environment. AYC thanked Mr. Schoepflin for his time.

Next AYC meeting is March 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Room, 1st floor of AMC.

Approved AYC Minutes:

Angela Guardado
Signature

3/5/2020
Date

Angela Guardado
Name

chair
Title