

AURORA YOUTH COMMISSION

September 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

WebEx Meeting

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.
- II. Commissioners present: Josue Estrada, Dhruv Shrivastava, Angela Guardado, Jamie Nichols, Caleb Weiss, Joseph Soto, Natalie Perez, Mitali Desai, Manar Jeelani, Rediet Moges, Advik Shrivastava, Madison Dragon, Josephine Stockton, Kristina Lance, Kevin Duncan.

Commissioners absent: (Excused) Marbella Bettinelli, (Unexcused) Vinay Malik and Jhostin Perez.

Guests: AYC Applicants Roland Green, Elizabeth Koenck, and Mike Burke.

City liaisons: Jenna Katsaros and Erin Ahlholm with Youth Development.

Chair Guardado stated that in the interest of time, if a motion is properly stated and seconded, we will move on unless there is an objection.

- III. Jamie moved to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Joseph. The motion passed without objection.
- IV. Madison moved to approve August minutes, 2nd by Caleb. The motion passed without objection.

V. REPORTS

- a) Chair Guardado shared that AYC applicants Elizabeth, Mike, and Roland have been recommended to City Council. Appointments are expected on October 5, 2020.
- b) Treasurer Nichols reported there is \$1,284.56 remaining in the 2020 budget.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Josue shared the results of an AYC survey that was intended to help the Commission determine their 2020 goals and committees.
- b) Jenna mentioned ideas discussed during the August meeting: virtual volunteering, students tutoring other students, leadership training, and guest speakers. Jenna asked commission members to take the floor and share more ideas. Members discussed several volunteer and community service project opportunities: poll and voting, VolunteerMatch.org, Village Exchange Center and Points of Light. Virtual team bonding ideas: IceBreaker and art projects for senior homes. Caleb shared the point that a virtual meeting environment opens the Commission's speaker pool to a larger audience.
- c) Members agreed on three Committees via Democratic process:
- a. Community Service/Volunteering – Josephine (Committee Co-Chair), Natalie (Committee Co-Chair), Manar, Roland, Advik, Dhruv, Elizabeth, Joseph, Kristina, and Rediet.
 - b. Team Bonding – Manar (Committee Chair), Mike, Jamie, and Erin.
 - c. Speakers - Madison (Committee Co-Chair), Angela (Committee Co-Chair), Caleb, Elizabeth, Josue, Mitali, Madison, Roland, Joseph.
- d) Officer Elections are coming up. Per AYC by-laws elections are held within the first 3 months of the new school year. Past Commission Officers shared their experience and what it means to serve as an Officer. Jenna elaborated on duties and responsibilities. All youth members are encouraged to apply for an Officer position, which are Chair, Vice Chair,

Treasurer and Historian. Youth can self-nominate or be nominated by another AYC member for one position or multiple; however, if elected youth may only accept one Officer position. Candidates give a short stump speech prior to voting, which will be anonymous. Voting order is: 1) Chair 2) Vice Chair 3) Treasurer and then 4) Historian.

If the election is moved to November, all youth members will be eligible, including new applicants. Manar moved to hold AYC Officer elections during the November 5th meeting, 2nd by Jamie. The motion passed without objection. Youth must submit their intent to run for an Officer position, or any AYC member may nominate a youth member for an Officer position, at the October meeting. Nominations will close at the end of the October 1st meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a) The next Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting will be held September 9th. Jenna invited all members to attend the virtual Youth Advisory Council, which is helping to shape DRCOG’s 2050 Transportation Plan.
- b) Members watched then discussed the TED Talk video “The Danger of a Single Story” by Chimamanda Adichie.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

- a) Josue announced multiple scholarship opportunities: Coolidge Scholarship, Boettcher Scholarship, Daniel Scholarship, etc. Mitali offered to lend members the text book needed to apply for the Coolidge Scholarship.
- b) Kevin mentioned the finance podcast ChooseFI, along with episodes that teach how to hack college expenses and apply for scholarships.
- c) Josue suggested AYC members begin researching FAFSA and how to apply.
- d) Caleb mentioned the Public meeting AYC members attended last month, and Kristina sent the link and reminded everyone to complete the Aurora City Center survey online.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Josue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., 2nd by Jamie.

Next AYC meeting is October 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via WebEx Events.

Approved AYC Minutes:

<u>Angela Guardado</u>	<u>10.01.20</u>
Signature	Date
<u>Angela Guardado</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Name	Title