

**GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Rodarte Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room and Zoom  
Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:00 pm  
Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Calhoun, Franks, Sheperd, Silva and Zeller were present. Staff present were Brecken Arnold and Alex Reaves.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 27, 2023, MINUTES**

- a. March 27, 2023: Commissioner Calhoun motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Franks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**3. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE**

Youth Commission accepted the attendance chart.

**4. CITIZEN INPUT**

None at this time.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS- None at this time.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS-None at this time.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- The Summer Teen Employment Program (S.T.E.P.) will employ 25 youth on Monday, May 22, 2023, for a 10-week program throughout the Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department. The After School Program will end on Friday, May 12, 2023, and the “Fun In The Sun” summer program will start on Monday, May 22, 2023. The Recreation Division is also hiring lifeguards and pool cashiers for this summer as well. Working on the 2024 budget, as well as a master plan that will be a footprint for the entire department for the next 10 years.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) None at this time.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. National Youth Service Day Awards recap
  1. The awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 pm at City Center South -City Council Chambers and went very well.
  2. 2024 suggestions to improve the ceremony.
    - a. February nomination dues.
    - b. In-person interviews with nominees in March.
    - c. Speech will be more personalized and accurate to the winner.
    - d. Seek sponsorship for more money to award.
    - e. Start marketing earlier.

b. Goals

1. Early literacy peer to peer reading
  - a. Literacy peer to peer reading at the Rodarte Community Center, on Monday and Saturdays. Availability was filled out by Commissioners present at the meeting.
2. Mental Health initiative
  - a. The Youth Commission would like to host an event surrounding mental health, similar to a “Ted Talk.”
  - b. Would like to expand mental health initiatives into the After School program, “Fun In The Sun” summer camp and Teen Night Out.

**8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Goal progression
  1. Early literacy peer to peer reading
  2. Mental health initiative
    - a. Teen Night Out at the Rodarte Community Center on Friday, May 26, 2023.

**9. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

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Secretary-Kenzi Franks

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Chair- Maddie Zeller