

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Rodarte Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room and Zoom

Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Bhanji, Calhoun, Franks, and Zeller were present. Staff present were Brecken Arnold, Recreation Supervisor.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2023, MINUTES

- a. There wasn't a quorum to approve the April 24, 2023, minutes.

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 ended on Friday, May 12, 2023, and the "Fun In The Sun" summer program started on Monday, May 22, 2023. The Recreation Division is also hiring lifeguards and pool cashiers for this summer as well.

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 deadline.
 - b. In-person interviews with nominees in March.
 - c. Speech will be more personalized and accurate to reflect 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. This will encompass reading “Stressy Jessy”-A book about organizing the mind to the FITS kids once a week for the remainder of the summer.
 - c. City staff will send outa Sign Up Genius link for Youth Commission to sign up for.
 - d. Teen Night Out-social emotional learning activities will continue.

8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Annual retreat discussion
- b. 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, June 26, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 6:19 pm

Secretary-Kenzi Franks

Chair- Maddie Zeller