

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

Issue Group Meeting
28 January 2019 at 6:00 PM

City of Wichita City Hall
455 N. Main St.

OPENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) met in a Council Meeting with Amarah Gilmore, Priscila Castaneda, Masha Yakubovich, Jarod Hudson, Meredith Herter, Julia Cox, Amanda Branom, Caitlin Mattar, Seenu Madhavan, Javante Ewing, Kieler Christophersen, Kayla Nguyen, Lex Dallas, Jonathan Esquina, Kristin Woodruff, Natalie Behzadpour, Caroline Duarte, Dominic Bann, Ben Brake, Isabella Do, Hannah Piros.

The following members were absent: Sabrina Bui, Hannah Harpel, Aenya Richards, Bria Webb, Malachi Watson, Maitri Ajmera.

Staff members present: Allie Salz

- Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:17 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Caitlin Matar. Seconded by Kristin Woodruff. Motion passes.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Birthdays
 - o None
- Kudos
 - o Ben Brake received 2nd place at the Kansas Weightlifting Contest

PUBLIC AGENDA

- Wichita Police Chief Gordon Ramsay speaks about the current problems and trends of Wichita
 - o Current problems include:
 - Drugs and Alcohol
 - Generational Poverty
 - Mental Health Issues
 - o Detention has negative impacts on children
 - Failure to appear on court dates were a major problem
 - Programs have been implemented to combat this
 - Proactive use of resources have helped
 - o Drugs and Alcohol are also a problem

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- Higher THC levels in newer products have triggered psychosis in some people
- Meth is lower in price than ever
- No one is safe from the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse
- Not as much focus on the negative impacts of drugs

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

- The project planning packet's final deadline is February 2nd
- Project planning packet session
 - Environment Issue Group
 - Possible gardening kits and brochures with the current community garden
 - Poverty and Homelessness Issue Group
 - Stand outside of grocery stores with essential checklists.
 - Diversity and Inclusion Issue Group
 - Middle school presentations in USD 259 through history teachers
 - Drug and Alcohol Issue Group
 - Partner with Tobacco Free Wichita to ban cigarettes from parks

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Allie Salz's presentation on email etiquette

LOCAL ISSUES/DEBATE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A letter of recommendation from the Mayor, Allie, or Tavon Watkins is available to all members who have met the requirements in the fall semester
- Meeting change from March 11 to March 4
- Kick Butts Day March 6 & 7
- Tobacco Compliance checks through the City of Wichita at a scheduled time. Contact Thomas Vanatta at TVanatta@wichita.gov or 316-268-8369 if you are interested

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Hannah Piros motions to adjourn the meeting. Amarah Gilmore seconds.

Motion carried 20 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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