

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF LAFAYETTE Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Meeting April 16, 2014

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Co-Chair Zack Cusworth called the April 16 meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the multipurpose room at the Lafayette Recreation Center, 111 West Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado. The following Committee Members were present: Jhoana Arredondo, MiaBella DiFiore, Zujey Dueñas, Hailey Ettinger, Faun Gulland, Zee Gutierrez, Irlé Hernandez, Darci Maxwell, Kevin McQuirk, Lena Morton, Eden Piller, Emma Piller, Kayla Visscher, and Kristian Williams. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Gustavo Reyna, Recreation Specialist Casey Gray, and Advisory Member Elaina Verveer.

Committee Minutes

A motion was made by Emma Piller and seconded by Kevin McQuirk to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting of April 2, 2014 as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

Scheduled Items and Discussions

The Committee debriefed its involvement in the coordination of Lafayette's tenth annual Cesar Chavez "Seeds of Justice" March and Rally, which was held on April 4. While members deemed the event a success, they did identify opportunities to strengthen the program and generate additional community support in subsequent years.

Committee Member Kevin McQuirk shared his initial proposal to launch a Sister City program or similar initiative in Lafayette. The Committee will return to this conversation on May 7.

The Committee briefly discussed its involvement in an outreach event that Centaurus High School students are hosting on Friday, April 25 from 6:00-10:30 p.m. at Festival Plaza. Titled *A Night on the Streets*, the event, which will feature an outdoor screening of *The Pursuit of Happyness*, seeks to raise awareness about the prevalence of poverty in Boulder County. Faun Gulland and Emma Piller will make remarks on behalf of the Committee during the event.

Adhering to a scoring rubric, the Committee reviewed proposals that it received as part of a newly-launched mini-grant program. Six proposals were ultimately selected to receive funding, ranging from \$275 to \$500. In addition, the Committee will directly support a group of local elementary school students, who expressed interest in establishing a public art wall in Lafayette. The Committee will not only allocate \$500 in funding toward the project, but also develop and implement comprehensive research, outreach, and fundraising plans.

A motion was made by Zujey Dueñas and seconded by Kayla Visscher to award \$275 to the Centaurus High School Gay-Straight Alliance to offset expenses associated with its Day of Silence event. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jhoana Arredondo and seconded by Kevin McQuirk to award \$300 to Girl Scouts of Colorado Troop #1720 to build and install birdhouses in parks around Lafayette. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by MiaBella DiFiore and seconded by Zujey Dueñas to award \$500 to Centaurus High School AVID students to offset expenses associated with an outreach event and support expenses associated with the establishment of a school-based resource center for students in need. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Emma Piller and seconded by Faun Gulland to award \$250 to Centaurus High School AVID students to coordinate service projects to support continued flood recovery efforts in Boulder County. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kayla Visscher and seconded by Eden Piller to award \$500 to a group of Pioneer and Ryan Elementary School students, all of whom participate in the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County, to offset expenses associated with the establishment of a public art wall. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Eden Piller and seconded by Emma Piller to award \$250 to Centaurus High School AVID students to offset expenses associated with a student-sponsored “Unity Week” at the school. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The Committee Meeting of April 16, 2014 adjourned at 7:49 p.m.