



## **Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission November 20, 2007**

**Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on November 20, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tempe, Arizona.**

**MEMBERS Present:** Alex Austin, James Funk, Allie Gorton, Cecilia Iole, Leslie Klein, Enrico Lage, Caitlin Long, Amanda Lovins, Sachin Nair, Corie Owens, Jeremy Pompa, Veekas Shrivastava, Kimberly Trudgen, Gonzola Vilichis, and Kurtis Zinger.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Carmen Gammage, Jevin Hodge, Krystal Thacker, and Brant Ziemba

**City Staff Present:** Kim Bauman

**Guests Present:** None

**Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.**

**Allie Gorton** called the meeting to order.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Minutes from November 6, 2007 Meeting**

**Kimberly Trudgen** read the minutes from the November 6, 2007 meeting.

**MOTION:** **Sachin Nair** motioned to approve the minutes.

**SECOND:** **Veekas Shrivastava** seconded the motion.

**DECISION:** Minutes were approved.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Treasurer's Report**

**Caitlin Long** provided the treasurer's report.

### **Agenda Item 3- Announcements**

1) **Kim Bauman** announced the following:

- The Boards and Commissions Dinner will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>. She confirmed that members have received their invitations and encouraged them to RSVP and attend.
- Applicants for the 2008 Tempe Youth Showcase Production Team/Steering Committee are currently being sought. She distributed applications to members.
- Student Government Day applications have been distributed to the high schools. Applications were distributed to members to assist in student recruitment.

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#### **Agenda Item 4 – National League of Cities Conference**

- 1) **Allie Gorton** reported on the National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans which she and Kimberly Trudgen attended last week:
  - The conference was a great opportunity to meet youth delegates around the country and exchange ideas and information.
  - Tempe was the only City amongst the youth delegates where the commission formally presented Youth Town Hall recommendations to their City Council for implementation.
  - They had the opportunity to see hear first-hand how New Orleans youth are involved in the rebuilding of their City.

#### **Agenda Item 5- Possible Community Service Project**

- 1) **Kim Bauman** announced that Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families and Community has agreed to conduct focus groups around youth issues as part of a needs assessment. The suggestion was made that MYAC become involved in conducting the focus groups with them. MYAC members were in consensus that they would like to be involved with this project.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – 2007 Youth Town Hall Report and 2008 Town Hall Topics**

- 1) **Allie Gorton** and **Kimberly Trudgen** reported on their presentation to City Council on 2007 Youth Town Hall recommendations:
  - The report was very well received by the Tempe City Council.
  - Mayor Hallman and the City Council went through each recommendation and assigned them to Council subcommittees for review and possible implementation.
  - The report is obviously taken very seriously by our Mayor and City Council.
- 2) **Veekas Shrivastava** had MYAC members brainstorm possible 2008 Youth Town Hall topics for the duration of the meeting. The following topics were proposed:
  - Sexual Pressure – prevention, education, teen pregnancy and parents
  - Gang Violence
  - Youth Volunteerism
  - Drug Use
  - Driving and using cell phones and texting
  - Released Lunches
  - Teen Stress
  - Stereotyping
  - Youth Ethics and Morals
  - Teen Suicide/Depression
  - School Dropout

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

- Student Government Day Planning
- 2008 Youth Town Hall Topics
- Focus Groups

The Commission's next meeting will be **December 4, 2007**.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

Prepared by: Kurtis Zinger

Reviewed by: Allie Gorton

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Allie Gorton, MYAC Chairperson  
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission