

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Rodarte Community Center

920 A Street, Greeley, CO 80631

Monday, November 22, 2021 6:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Benavidez, Bhanji, Hernandez, and Willard were present. Ex-Officio Julie Lewis and Kathryn Heffron was also present. City staff present were Dominique Padilla, Brecken Arnold, Scott Schuttenberg and Kelly Snook.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AND OCTOBER 25, 2021 MINUTES

There was not a quorum for approval.

3. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE

There was not a quorum for approval.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS- Councilman Ed Clark will be the new City Council Liaison starting in January of 2022.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS- No report for this month.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- Kelly Snook was introduced to the Youth Commission as the Interim Culture, Parks and Recreation Department Director. She comes to us from Texas and is happy to work with the Youth Commission and the City of Greeley. Recreation has been in the process of hiring two new Recreation Managers, which will start in December and the first of January. There will also be an interior remodel at the Rodarte Community Center starting the beginning of January of 2022.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Commissioners decided to volunteer to wrap Christmas presents for the Community Christmas Party on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center.

7. OLD BUSINESS

The two goals that the Youth Commission will focus on for the 2021-2022 school year are 1) Vaping awareness and substance abuse 2) DMV resources and increased access to financial support. The Commission set goals that are measurable and attainable below.

Goal #1 Vaping Awareness

- 1) Get written agreement from Frontier and West High School to participate in a vaping “buy back” program with incentives from Weld County by January 28, 2022.
- 2) Plan an interactive campaign on the impact of vaping and health concerns by February 28, 2022.
- 3) Encourage teachers to take the “Trusted Adult” training through Weld County by May of 2022.

Goals #2 DMV Accessibility and Affordability

- 1) Meet with the DMV about barriers surrounding accessibility and affordability by December 31, 2021.
- 2) Research grants surrounding accessible and affordable programs for access to DMV resources by January 28, 2022.
- 3) Research fundraisers or sponsorships to supplement affordability (example: car insurance agencies) by March 1, 2022.

Brooklyn Larimore the Public Health Communications Specialist from the Tobacco Control Program helped lead the discussion on vaping awareness and substance abuse. Brooklyn talked about current initiatives such as the “Great American Smokeout”, Trusted Adult Training, interactive pieces such as an art wall or targeted challenge. Brooklyn will continue to join the Youth Commission meeting for guidance and resources.

8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. National Youth Service Day Awards
- b. 2022 Goals (Vaping awareness and DMV affordability) timeline

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Secretary-Maddie Zeller

Chair-Brooklyn Hernandez