

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Rodarte Community Center
920 A Street, Greeley, CO 80631

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Anderson, Benavidez, Bhanji, Calhoun, Hernandez, Willard and Zeller were present. City staff present were Brecken Arnold and Scott Schuttenberg.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JULY 26, 2021 MINUTES AND THE AUGUST 23, 2021 MINUTES

Commissioner Zeller moved to approve the July 26, 2021 minutes and Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. The Youth Commission voted unanimously to approve the July 26, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Zeller moved to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes and Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. The Youth Commission voted unanimously to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes.

3. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE

The Youth Commission approved the current attendance chart.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS- We are currently going through the process of approving the budget. Amongst the roughly 400 pages, I am happy to report that we are planning on approving funding for two more co-responders to our police department (an excellent partnership between North Range Behavioral Health and GPD), raising wages for police and fire union employees, and giving a 2% bonus to non-executive level staff.

Last week we also voted to approve the comprehensive code update. Amongst the smaller changes and edits, and clean-up, we also did some great work to add the ability for infill and missing middle housing (smaller apartments, duplexes, row homes), reduced minimum lot sizes, and classified "tiny homes" the same way we classify mobile homes, which allows for "tiny house" villages. All of this should hopefully lead to more affordable/attainable housing development in Greeley. Lastly, we have elections coming up soon. Ballots will be mailed mid October. There are a few big ballot initiatives to note. We are looking to extend Keep Greeley Moving, which funds road and sidewalk maintenance and larger transportation-related projects. Council will be voting in the next few weeks to take a stance supporting a "No" vote on Charter Amendments 2G and 2H. These amendments would change how the city purchases and manages water. Greeley has a strong tradition of forethought and investment in water. This would drastically hinder the city's ability to buy, lease, and trade water, likely resulting in multiple special elections each year, which is why council is taking a firm stand against these amendments.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS- No report for this month.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- The After School Program at the Rodarte Community Center and Anna Gimmestad is in full swing. The Recreation Division is hiring part time positions, so if you are looking for a job apply at www.greeleygov.com/jobs.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

SMART Goal setting exercise to prioritize goals for the 2021-2022 was conducted by Scott Schuttenberg. The Commission did initial brainstorming for two goals, which will be continued at the October meeting. The two priorities 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. In the work session and next Youth Commission meeting, the Commission will set goals that are measurable and attainable for the two goals laid out above.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Work session recap
- b. 2021-2022 Goals (Vaping awareness and DMV affordability)
- c. Board and Commission representation

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:00 pm in person at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm

Secretary-Maddie Zeller

Chair-Brooklyn Hernandez