

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Rodarte Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Anderson, Bearden, Bhanji, Calhoun, Franks, and Silva were present.
Staff present were Alex Reaves and Dominique Padilla

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022, MINUTES

- a. November 28, 2022: Commissioner Bhanji motioned to approve minutes.
Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE

Youth Commission accepted the attendance chart.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS- None at this time.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS-None at this time.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- The City of Greeley is currently working on the 10-year master plan for Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department. The Summer Teen Employment Program (S.T.E.P.) is back and we are looking to start hiring over the summer. At the start of the new year the Rodarte Community Center has extended hours of operation for 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. The After School Program has also been extended to 6:30 pm, program now runs from 2:50pm-6:30pm. The Rodarte Center now offers programming on Saturday's from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Winter clothing stats and wrap-up
 - a) Winter clothing drive was a huge success. Good work to everyone who helped!
 - b) 686 presents given away and 1,148 came through our doors.
 - c) So many last-minute donations drop offs, that we were unable to get a final number.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. National Youth Service Day Awards marketing progress
 1. Communications and Engagement ticket has been submitted with the Youth Commission edits.
 2. As soon as the nomination site is live, we will forward it onto the Youth Commission to help promote and distribute.
 3. Excited to be able offer a \$1,000.00 scholarship this year!
 4. Nominations will be due Monday, March 27 by 5:00 pm. At that Youth Commission meeting we will review all the nomination forms and decide who is the winner.

5. Awards ceremony will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 pm at City Center South -City Council Chambers, please save the date.

b. Goals

1. Early literacy peer to peer reading
 - a. Literacy peer to peer reading at the Rodarte Center will begin Monday, January 30, 2023, on Monday and Wednesday's. Availability was filled out by Commissioners present at the meeting.
2. Mental Health initiative
 - a. Brecken met with Northeast Health Partners to assist with gathering information and partnerships for the mental health initiative. They have connected me to several organizations that will assist the Youth Commission, such as NCHA (Northern Colorado Health Alliance and Northrange Behavioral Health. Brecken will be able to give more detailed progress in about two weeks.

8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. National Youth Service Day Awards nomination progress
- b. Goals progression
 1. Early literacy peer to peer reading
 2. Mental health initiative

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm

Secretary-Kenzi Franks

Chair- Maddie Zeller