

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
Rodarte Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room and Zoom
Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:00 pm
Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Calhoun, Franks, Persons, Sheperd and Zeller were present. Ex-Officio Laura Jones was also present. Staff present were Dominique Padilla, Recreation Coordinator II; Brecken Arnold, Recreation Supervisor; Alex Reaves, Recreation Manager; Daniel Lawrence, Recreation Division Manager and John Dargle, Culture, Parks, and Recreation Director.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Dakine Persons-New Youth Commissioner
- b. Molly Shawcross-New Youth Commissioner

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 26, 2023, AND JULY 24, 2023, MINUTES

- a. There wasn't a quorum to approve the June 26, 2023, and July 24, 2023, minutes, this will be moved to the agenda for August.

4. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE

Youth Commission accepted the attendance chart.

5. CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS-None at this time.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS-None at this time.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- The After School program started on Monday, August 14, 2023, with a staggered start schedule at the Rodarte Community Center and Anna Gimmestad Community Center. The Rodarte Boxing Club will host a boxing smoker on Saturday, September 16, 2023, with fights starting at 2:00 pm. The outdoor aquatics facilities will be open until Labor Day and the Family Funplex pool is still closed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Annual Retreat recap-Maddie Zeller when into detail regarding the annual Youth Commission retreat recap from August. The Commission developed 2023-2024 goals (listed below) and decided to vote on officers during the August meeting, due to low attendance at the retreat.
- b. 2023-2024 Goals
 - i. Family Learning Enrichment Program:
Building off of the work that was started this past school year with the peer literacy groups, we would love to see all families become involved in learning enrichment efforts here in the city. Workshops would be

specialized based on the skills that youth commissioners have to offer, for example, Spanish lessons, writing lessons, etc. The “curriculum” of course would still be centered around discussions of mental health, incorporating such content into the workshops themselves. We would love to see this scheduled into the after-school program, on weekends, and even fun “family night” type events.

ii. Extended Youth Commission Marketing:

One of our big struggles during this past school year was having active participants here on the youth commission. We would love to put out frequent social media ads, including videos made by current members that describe their experience on the commission and why fellow youth should consider joining. In addition, we would like to see posted materials in all District 6 office facilities, middle schools, and high schools to advertise the youth commission. Along with this, advertising for upcoming events, including the National Youth Service Day Awards would be included in these marketing efforts.

c. Vote on officers-moved to the September meeting since there isn’t a quorum.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. National Youth Service Day Awards 2024 changes and marketing discussion-City staff will propose a tentative schedule for the new process of selecting the 2024 National Youth Service Day Award winner in the September meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. 2023-2034 Goals and direction
b. NYSDA 2024 changes/marketing
c. Winter Clothing Drive

10. NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 25, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center

Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm

Secretary-Kenzi Franks

Chair- Maddie Zeller