

GREELEY YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
Rodarte Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room and Zoom
Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00 pm
Meeting Called to Order: 6:08 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Calhoun, Franks, Persons, Rascon, and Zeller was present. Staff present were Dominique Padilla, Recreation Coordinator II, Brecken Arnold, Recreation Supervisor and Daniel Lawrence, Recreation Division Manager.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, MINUTES

- a. Commissioner Franks motioned to approve the September 25, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Rascon seconded the motion and the motion passed for the September 25, 2023, minutes.

3. ATTENDANCE CHART UPDATE

Youth Commission accepted the attendance chart.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE/COMMENTS-Councilman Clark expressed his regret that he will no longer be able to serve on the Youth Commission and to with them the best in the future due to health reasons.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS-None at this time.

STAFF LIASON COMMENTS- The Rodarte Community Center hosted the Teen Night Out on Friday, October 13, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center. There were 28 teens in attendance where they carved/painted pumpkins, had a costume contest, danced to music with a DJ and were given spooky treats for Friday the 13th. Pumpkin carving will be Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 4:00-6:00 pm at Anna and Rodarte Community Centers. Northridge FCCLA will send volunteers to help carve pumpkins. Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and announcement of carving contest winners will be on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 4:00-6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center. Dia de los Muertos will be on Saturday, November 4, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kristen Wilkenson came from Trails and Open Space came and presented the Greeley Trails Master Plan.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Winter Clothing Drive timeline was handed out to the Youth Commission and Commissioners will start asking for permission for their respective schools. Staff will deliver boxes and flyers to schools on the first of November.

b. 2023-2024 Goals

i. Family Learning Enrichment Program:

1. 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.
2. The first event took place on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 5:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center. We will continue this schedule and social emotional learning activities.

ii. Extended Youth Commission Marketing:

1. 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.
2. Staff will submit a C&E ticket for marketing.

- c. National Youth Service Day Awards 2024 changes and marketing discussion-City staff proposed a new schedule for the new process of selecting the 2024 National Youth Service Day Award winner. Staff will present questions in the November meeting and revise them.

8. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. 2023-2034 Goals and direction
- b. 2024 NYSDA
- c. Winter Clothing Drive status

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

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

Secretary-Kenzi Franks

Chair- Maddie Zeller