

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **CITY OF LAFAYETTE Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Meeting October 16, 2013**

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#### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Co-Chair Zack Cusworth called the October 16 meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the multipurpose room at the Lafayette Recreation Center, 111 West Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado. The following Committee Members were present: Jhoana Arredondo, MiaBella DiFiore, Linnea DiLullo, Zujey Dueñas, Hailey Ettinger, Fiona Grimard, Faun Gulland, Zee Gutierrez, Darci Maxwell, Kevin McQuirk, Enrique Moctezuma, Lena Morton, Eden Piller, Emma Piller, Kayla Visscher, and Kristian Williams. The following candidate was also present: Irle Hernandez. Also present were Advisory Members Karen Snortland and Elaina Verveer, and Recreation Coordinator Casey Gray.

#### **Items from the Public**

Project YES Executive Director Lotus Thomas met with the Committee to share her vision for the organization, discuss various volunteer opportunities, and solicit feedback.

#### **Committee Minutes**

*A motion was made by Hailey Ettinger and seconded by Emma Piller to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting of September 18, 2013 as written. The motion was passed unanimously.*

#### **Scheduled Items and Discussions**

Advisory Member Elaina Verveer announced the Committee's new Co-Chairs. Zack Cusworth will retain his seat; he will be joined by MiaBella DiFiore and Enrique Moctezuma. Co-Chairs, who are responsible for co-facilitating regularly scheduled meetings and serving as ambassadors for the Committee, will serve a one-year term through August 2014.

Co-Chair Zack Cusworth debriefed the Committee's involvement in both the Lafayette Quest, which was held on September 28 and the Lafayette City Council Candidate Forum, which was held on October 2. Members deemed both events successful, and look forward to hosting and/or supporting similar events in the future.

Advisory Member Karen Snortland and Recreation Coordinator Casey Gray reviewed the program for Lafayette's annual Halloween carnival and Pumpkin Run, which the Committee will staff on Sunday, October 28. In addition to volunteering to facilitate various activities, members identified supplies and materials that would need to be procured for the event.

Committee Member Kevin McQuirk discussed possible collaborations with New Vista High School's Earth Task Force, which focuses on environmental sustainability. Representatives from the group will join members during the November 6 Committee Meeting.

The Committee continued to generate a list of issues currently impacting local youth, including teen substance abuse, bullying, teen pregnancy, lack of teen entertainment, and public perception of teens. Members will directly address one (or more) of these issues through a cooperative team project during the current academic year.

Co-Chair MiaBella DiFiore reviewed the agenda from last year's Martin Luther King, Jr. March for Peace and Celebration in preparation for next year's event. While the general format of the event will remain the same, the Committee will modify the program to better serve, inspire, and educate community members' about Dr. King's contributions and corresponding legacy. Members will also research possible venues, as well as identify opportunities to involve organized student groups and community-based agencies in next year's event, which will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014.

Advisory Member Elaina Verveer shared an invitation that she received from the WOW Children's Museum, which has expressed interest in working with the Committee on a regular basis. In addition to supporting organized events and classes, members have been invited to design collaborative programming for the museum. Committee Member Lianna DiLullo will also extend the invitation to members of Centaurus High School's Student Council.

### **Adjournment**

The Committee Meeting of October 16, 2013 adjourned at 7:46 p.m.