

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF LAFAYETTE Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Meeting February 7, 2018

Call to Order/Roll Call

Co-Chair Christopher Jachimiak called the February 7 meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center, 111 W. Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado. The following Committee Members were present: Abraheem Abu-shanab, Rajina Caparachini, Ariana Caro, Julia Cook, Hailey Ettinger, Fiona Grimard, Matthew Hinojosa, Adriana Iturbe, Astrid Juarez, Enihs Medrano, Ian Munding, Leidy Pineda, Javier Reta, Megan Schmid, Ximena Silva, and Jessica Valle. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Gustavo Reyna, Advisory Member Elaina Verveer, Mentor Izzy Tec Verde, and Naropa University Graduate Students Michelle Arrollado and Aimee Grauf.

Scheduled Items and Discussions

Returning to previous conversations, Co-Chair Christopher Jachimiak invited members to consider how they might leverage the MLK event to build enthusiasm for the Cesar Chavez Convivio. Scheduled to be held on April 7, the Convivio will commence at noon at Alicia Sanchez International School. Pending approval, a “Seeds of Justice” march will follow. Culminating activities will be held at the Lafayette Public Library.

A motion was made by Javier Reta and seconded by Rajina Caparachini to allocate up to \$1,200 on food and supplies for Lafayette’s Cesar Chavez Convivio, which will be held on April 7, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously

A motion was made by Rajina Caparachini and seconded by Adriana Iturbe to allocate up to \$300 to print outreach materials to promote Lafayette’s Cesar Chavez Convivio, which will be held on April 7, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee will identify potential performers during the February 21 Committee Meeting.

Co-Chair Hailey Ettinger invited the Committee to participate in (EC)^2’s annual Lafayette in Action on April 21, 2018. Members have specifically been asked to complete a service project in collaboration with Nature Kids, Open Space, and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers from approximately 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and make remarks during the afternoon celebration at Escuela Bilingüe Pioneer. The following members confirmed their availability: Abraheem Abu-shanab, Matthew Hinojosa, Christopher Jachimiak, Astrid Juarez, Ian Munding, and Leidy Pineda. Centaurus students, who are freshmen and sophomores may also be available.

Co-Chair Adriana Iturbe reminded members that they had yet to fully implement Lafayette’s Choice. Representing the Committee, the following individuals will provide Lafayette restaurants with training and technical assistance: Rajina Caparachini, Enihs Medrano, Ian Munding, Javier Reta, and Jessica Valle. Meetings with local establishments will be scheduled after school on Wednesdays or Fridays and/or on Saturdays.

The Committee will also provide technical assistance to regional and national youth groups that are interested in advancing HEAL initiatives through policy-making.

Hailey Ettinger reviewed several upcoming volunteer opportunities, as well as invited members to participate in “Marijuana and Teens” on February 27. Hailey Ettinger, Javier Reta, and Jessica Valle expressed interested in joining members of the Lafayette Peer Empowerment Project, who are serving as panelists during the event.

Members also expressed interest in “adopting” an art installation at Waneka Lake in May 2018. Created by two community members with support from the Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission, the art installation will invite residents to share their vision for the community. Groups that choose to adopt the exhibit will be responsible for recording comments and ensuring the integrity of the project.

Co-Chair Abraheem Abu-shanab introduced Michelle Arrollado and Aimee Grauf, who are currently pursuing their graduate degree in Wilderness Therapy at Naropa University. Advisory Member Elaina Verveer invited Michelle and Aimee to join the Committee this spring to help members consider the relationships between (access to and engagement with) nature and mental health, topics that members previously expressed interest in exploring.

Committee Minutes

A motion was made by Astrid Juarez and seconded by Julia Cook to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting of January 17, 2018 as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The Committee Meeting of February 7, 2018 adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Co-Chair Signature: _____