



MINUTE RECORD

La Vista Mayors Youth Leadership Council Meeting

December 8, 2015

A meeting of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council was held at 6:00 p.m. on December 8, 2015

Present were Youth Leadership Councilmember's: Noah Atchinson, Samuel Cahill, Haley DeWitt, Lucas Neill, Angelina Rossi, Devin Vetter, Emma Williams, Alexis Spaulding and Huyen-Yen Hoang. Also in attendance were Police Chief Robert Lausten, Fire Chief Bill Bowes, Police Captain Bryan Waugh and Officer Jamie Brown. Excused Absence: Jamie Bac, Maddy Vasquez and Corinne Fjeldsted

AGENDA

1. Public Safety presentation (Police/Fire)
2. Call meeting to order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Swearing in of newly elected officers (Mayor Kindig)
 - c. Discuss recent La Vista City Council Agenda items
 - d. Cops n Kids event
 - e. Youth Leadership Council Project Ideas
3. Adjourn

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Public Safety Presentation

Members of the Youth Council were introduced to Papillion Fire Department Chief Bill Bowes and La Vista Police Department Chief Robert S. Lausten. Bowes and Lausten provided information on the role of the Fire Department and Police Department in the city. Youth Council members were informed about public safety issues faced by firefighters and police officers in La Vista as well as the make-up of each organization and the impact each has on the municipal budget process. Bowes and Lausten provided a valuable perspective on public safety and a better understanding of each department's mission and goals.

Mayors Youth Leadership Council Business Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Swearing in of newly elected officers (Mayor Kindig)

Due to a scheduling conflict; Mayor Kindig was not available to attend the meeting. The swearing in of officers will be rescheduled for the January meeting.

Discuss recent La Vista City Council Agenda Items

Captain Waugh discussed the recent La Vista City Council Agenda Items and meeting minutes from the past meeting. Youth Council members were exposed to the business that the City Council faces during a meeting to include Consent Agenda, Approval of Claims, Resolutions, etc. Using the City of La Vista web site, we were able to illustrate the information that is readily available to the public.

Cops n' Kids Event

Officer Jamie Brown provided information to the Youth Council members about an event sponsored by the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police. The 4th annual La Vista Cops n' Kids event will be held on Sunday December 13. Several Youth Council members expressed an interest in being involved with this program as a way to get involved with those families in need during the holiday season.

Youth Leadership Council Projects

A primary goal of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council is to encourage the members to become involved with the La Vista community. One way this can be done is through a project or program in which all members can have an impact. Youth Council members participated in a brain storming exercise where all ideas were recorded on a flip chart. The members were able to compile a list of numerous programs or events which they would like to get involved with, all of which directly impacted the community in some way. Each idea will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting in order to narrow down the focus and decide which program(s) to pursue. A list of possible projects and events is attached to this meeting record.

Comments from Youth Council and Advisors

Youth Council members welcomed Alexis Spaulding and Huyen-Yen Hoang, both Youth Council members who had been unable to make the other meetings due to scheduling conflicts. It was nice to have all twelve members present. Due to Youth Council Secretary, Maddy Vasquez's absence, Emma Williams prepared the meeting minutes.

The date for the next meeting has not been set at this time while Youth Council staff members work to schedule a media workshop with local television and print media.



BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE

The items listed below were all ideas presented by members of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council as events or programs they would like to get involved with or provide input to city leadership. These will be discussed in further detail at the January meeting.

1. Salute to Summer
 - a. Talent show
 - b. Parade float
 - c. Flash mob (dance in the street during parade)
 - d. Fundraiser in Central Park
 - e. Baseball, flag football tournament
 - f. Celebrity softball event
 - g. Car Show
2. Splash Bash
3. Anti-Bullying program (work with School District)
4. Foot golf tournament (proceeds to community program)
5. Partner with Library teen advisory board (Potato Club)
6. Comprehensive Plan input
 - a. Butterfly garden
 - b. Dog parks
 - c. Walking/Bike trails
 - d. Sand Volleyball
 - e. Farmers Market
 - f. Wi-Fi in parks
7. The basketball courts on Valley Rd are in need of painting and repair, suggested this could be a project to get involved with
8. Summer workshop/retreat
9. Partner with the La Vista Community Foundation for an event or fundraiser