

**Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma  
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
1/4/2023**

Graduate Tacoma 919 S 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**Start time:** 4:45pm

**End time:** 6:13pm

**Attendees:** Tara Ryan, Tara Zolfaghari, Ava Sims, Ellana Meas, Theo Wygle,  
Leo Maffei, Beyla Kisémbó, Anastasia Markham

**Liaisons:** Leandra Shelton, Cathy Sims

**Guest(s):** None

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

All shared High/Low from Winter Break

Leandra will make chocolate chip cookies for the next leadership team meeting.

## **II. Discussion Topics**

### **a. Downtown of the Go – Friday Forum Invitation**

- 12-1pm on 1/27/2023, would like at least one youth: Tara R, Leo & Theo will be attending

### **b. Letter of Consideration – CBC Youth Seats**

- Letter of Consideration written during General Assembly meeting.
- Tara R, Theo, Beyla and Ava
- Approved the creation of ad hoc committee to see this recommendation through

### **c. LYAC– Youth Action Day January 29<sup>th</sup>**

- In person at the WA State Capital/how to lobby and testify
- Youth Issues focused/opportunities to testify
- 10-5pm at Capital Building
- Transportation to and from

### **d. Youth Commission Calendar Review**

- Plan Youth Summit/May 2023
  - i. Track hosted by MYTC
  - ii. Each committee holds a session/or Ad Hoc
  - iii. Leandra will follow up on dates
  - iv. Reviewed last year's Youth Summit sessions
  - v. Capacity of Youth Attending
- Park Clean Up planning/People's Park

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- Graduate Tacoma/Adopt a Street Clean up
  - i. Participate with Middle Schoolers
  - ii. Theo will contact environmental services to set a date

**e. General Assembly Agenda Creation**

- Possible Speaker from Human Rights Commission
- Facilities presentation

**f. City of Tacoma Updates:** None

**III. Committee Reports:**

**a. Social Health:** Committee is working on a project to identify barriers: Creating flyer/survey, and Youth Bill of Rights, Teach-in Planning. Take a stance for the legislative session, testify and publish.

**b. Environmental Health:** question about who the process for compost bins: Cathy will follow up with Theo on contact with Waste Management

**c. Education, Arts, and Culture:** none

**d. Justice and Safety:** none

**IV. Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

**V. Other Items of Interest**

- Confirmed that Tacoma Creates Youth Seat will be held by Ellana Meas. Ava Sims will support Ellan, by attending meetings with her.
- Possible partnership with Tacoma Arts Commission.
- Approved \$250 for General Assembly food: Nemo's or other Mexican
- Confirmed Winter Workshop attendee Leo/will follow up with Leandra

**VI. Adjournment**