



Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma

Leadership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Tacoma Municipal Building North

Room 16

10:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Rosemary Sissel, Vice Chair Yasmin Aref, Emma Robinson, Ethan Quinones, Stella Keating, Huyen-Tram Nguyen, Logan Cornwell (Alternate)

Absent: Maizy green, Taylor Jackson, Sanoah Smith, Ian Fredrickson, Evangeline Purcell (Alternate), Nate Minor (Alternate), Rowan Ali (Alternate)

Staff and Guests Present: Bucoda Warren (Commission Staff), Adrena Collins (Graduate Tacoma), Wendy Holcomb (Graduate Tacoma)

Welcome and introductions

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Chair Sissel called the meeting to order, making sure that everyone involved consented to being recorded for the duration of the meeting.. Members and staff introduced themselves and their positions at the table.

Approval of the Agenda

At approximately 10:07 a.m., the agenda was voted on and approved unanimously.

Motion: Quinones

Second: Keating

Briefing Items

Liaison Report

Staff shared of a tabling opportunity to recruit more students for the commission held on October 1 from 12-5 at the people's center. A unanimous vote was taken and passed to direct staff to table on behalf of the commission.

Motion: Quinones

Second: Robinson

Staff shared the draft agenda for Student government day that will be held on December 10, 2019. Members recommended that morning staff introductions be split into four groups that match the four committees of the commission, recommended that introductions be less lecture-centric and more conversation-based, recommended tours of the police department and urban waters, and wanted to see real Tacoma-themed real topic discussions for the mock city council meetings including homelessness and climate change. The commission voted at approximately 10:32 a.m. to adopt Student Government Day as a function of the youth commission and help host various portions of the event.

Motion: Keating

Second: Quinones

Staff shared the dates for outreach regarding gas station park meetings and the commission asked the dates be sent to the whole commission so they can sign up and attend if available.

Staff asked how the commission would like the Mayor to be engaged in their meetings and work. Commission members shared that they would love her to visit for lunch discussions on Saturdays still, and would ask if they needed her on other days.

Tacoma Sleepyheads Committee Discussion

Chair Sissel shared that she met with the Sleepyheads group and that they asked to be a part of the commission as a subcommittee until they accomplish their goal where they could then support the commission advocating for students in schools. Staff shared that an ad-hoc committee would be the method the commission could use to appoint them as leaders or the commission could send a letter of support to the Mayor on their behalf. After discussion, at approximately 10:57 a.m., the commission voted to send a letter of support to the Mayor supporting Tacoma Sleepyheads, and invite them to sign up for the commission, adopting their objective as an objective of the commission if the commission agrees, but not join as an ad-hoc committee.

Motion: Nguyen

Second: Keating

Council Action Memos and Bylaws Discussion

Staff recommended that this item be skipped due to time constraints.

Subcommittee Reports

Individual committee updates were not presented. The commission discussed events and broad plans together, deciding to invite the school board to the November commission meeting, approving all official committee acronyms, officially designating budget organizing to the Outreach committee (with admin oversight), replacing the outreach movie night with a commissioners-only movie night, planning to create movie ads, snapchat ads, and insta ads, planning to possibly attend a school board election forum, brainstorming for fundraising for the summit and Austin trip, agreeing to provide an exit survey to those who leave the commission, planning to have a pre-registration day for voting, and hoping to encourage more environmental objectives from S & E H. The leadership team also by consent adopted a logo for the youth commission.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

The next general assembly meeting is September 21, 2019 at the municipal building starting at 10am. The tentative agenda is as follow:

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome and Ice Breaker

10:30 – 11:00 Announcements and Possible Bylaw Discussions

11:00 – 11:15 Tacoma Sleepy Heads

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Mayor cannot attend this month, will have discussions)

1:00 – 2:00 Guest speakers work with committees

2:00 – 3:00 Committees discuss their work (student government day, go over speaker information)

Speakers to be invited:

Enrique Leon, School Board Director (S&EH)

Josh Garcia, TPS Deputy Superintendent (J&S)

City Budget Staff (O&B)

Metro Parks (EA&C)

Digital Media/Marketing Team (execs)

Commission members shared that they would like to explore having meetings in different locations around town to be more accessible and equitable. Staff is exploring options to present.

Adjournment

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Chair Sissel adjourned the meeting for lunch.