



2019 Mayor's Youth Commission Minutes

Regular Meetings

January 8, 2019

February 12, 2019

March 12, 2019 Cancelled

April 9, 2019

May 14, 2019

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MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
January 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

Chair Anusha Natarajan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Grant Williams, Nika Shiehzadegan, Sreyha Nandakumar, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kom, Michael Laflen, Vanessa Ghosn, Dhanya Charan, Teah Scott, Nivea Krishman, Nikita Bahrati, Dev Singhania, Kameron Dawson, Grace Church, Anusha Natarajan

Others present: Nithik Jawahar, Shankar Kalias, Jacob Marson, Kristin Myer, Alexis Myer, Amitesh Bharati, William Zheu, Agustya Matheth, Vinayak Athorale, Jayashree Adivarahan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of December 11, 2018. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Sreyha Nandakumar moved to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes, motion seconded by Teah Scott

3. SCHEDULED / UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES / CALL TO PUBLIC

- a. N/A

4. ACTION AGENDA

- a. Discussion and action on Teen Town Hall purchases
- Upcoming Teen Town Hall event on February 21st at the community center. There will be presentation on teen dating violence, life skills, and mental health. Breakfast and lunch will be provided
 - Commission unanimously voted yes on spending \$1200 on this event

5. BRIEFING ITEMS

- a. Participatory Budgeting Update
- Commission is still waiting to hear back for more details about future events
- b. Golden Rule Update
- Kameron Dawson, Grant Williams, and Michael Laflen will be attending the multicultural festival on Saturday January 19, 1-7 p.m. to pass out golden rule promotional materials
- c. Adopt a Family Update
- Jack Mao briefed the commission on this event. Participants bought, wrapped, and delivered gifts to two 'adopted' families

d. Available funds, \$4,171.84

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. N/A

7. CALENDAR

- a. Teen Town Hall Study Session - January 16th at 6:00pm
- b. State of the Address - January 29th at 6:45pm
- c. Next meeting is February 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center
- d. Teen Town Hall – February 21st

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. N/A

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Dhanya Charan motioned the adjourning of the January 8th meeting, motion second by Nivea Krishnan. Chair Anusha Natarajan adjourned the meeting at 6:23p.m.

Sign: _____



Date: _____

6/14/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
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Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

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Others present: Shankar Kailas, Abby Liu, Thalia Liu, Jacob Marson, Vinayak Athavale, Kristin Myer, Alexis Myer, Amitesh Bharati, Nithik Jawahar, Jayasree Adivaranan

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of January 8th, 2019. Approved at 6:09 p.m. Grant Williams moved to approve the January 8th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Dhanya Charan.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

N/A

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on paying for Teen Town Hall keynote speaker
 - Dr. Manny Pedia is Professor at Arizona State University. He will be the afternoon speaker at the Teen Town Hall.
 - The commission unanimously voted yes on spending \$120 for Dr. Pedia to come out.
- b) Discussion and Action on Senior Gifts
 - The commission unanimously voted yes on giving \$30 to each senior.

5) Briefing Items

- a) Teen Town Hall event assignments, schedule, and expectations
 - The members will be expected to be at the community center at 7:15 a.m. to get their assignments.
 - All members must wear their maroon MYC polo shirts and black pants.
- b) Recruitment and Officer positions
 - There are nine positions available for recruitment. The people recruited will be announced at the April meeting.

- There are three officer positions available: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Members will be presenting their speeches at the March meeting, on March 12th. Voting will take place at the same meeting. The officers who win will be acknowledged at the April meeting and they will lead the meeting in May.

c) Available funds, \$4,171.84

6) Announcements

a) Recruit for Teen Town Hall

- Trevor Groth spoke to the commission about recruiting people from their schools to attend the Teen Town Hall. He encouraged members and guests to spread the word to their friends and classmates.

7) Calendar


- a) Teen Town Hall - Thursday, February 21st - 7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- b) Next meeting is March 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center
- c) Easter Celebration - Saturday, April 20th

8) Information Items

- a) N/A

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the February 12th meeting, motion second by Zocelyne Kow. Chair Anusha Natarajan adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Signature:  Date: 5/14/19

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Signature: N.  Date: 6/14/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Anusha Natarajan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Sreyha Nandakumar, Nikita Bharati, Adithy Hassan, Dev Singhanian, Grace Church, Vanessa Ghosn, Teah Scott, Nivea Krishnan, Dhanya Charan, Jack Mao, Nika Shiehzadegan, Shahd Abdelkarim, Anusha Natarajan, Zocelyne Kow

Others present: Jacob Marson, Tyler Tannenbaum, Nithik Jawahar, Kristen Myer, Alexis Myer, Agustya Matheth, Rajanandini Bandi, Zeba Rizvi, Aliya Rauschel, Jayashree Adivarahan, Hiyun Lee, Amitesh Bharati, Shankar Kailas, Layth Abdelkarim

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of February 12th, 2019. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Dev Singhanian moved to approve the February 12th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Teah Scott.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

N/A

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Easter Celebration supplies
 - Face painters for the event are Dhanya Charan, Nikita Bharati, Jack Mao, and Adithy Hassan.
 - The supplies for the event are film, backdrops, and concessions.
 - The commission unanimously voted yes on spending \$350 for the supplies.
- b) Discussion and Action on End of Year Celebration
 - The commission unanimously voted yes on May 30th for Main Event from 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- c) Discussion and action on July 4th Celebration
 - Sell water at Tumbleweed. The commission needs 6 people. This fundraiser will be from 5:00pm-10:30pm.

5) Briefing Items

- a) Teen Town Hall Recap

- 100 people attended the event. There were two sessions, morning and afternoon. The morning speaker was David from Improv Mania and the afternoon speaker was Doctor Manny Padia, a professor at ASU.
 - The commission briefed on the three Teen Town Hall topics: mental health, bloom 365, and life skills.
 - Zocelyn Kow briefed on the mental health group and how effective the presentation Connect 4 had for the attendees. Anusha Natarajan briefed on the Bloom 365 group and addressed how they had a younger audience. Overall, their discussion group was successful and had great activities and discussions. Nivea Krishnan briefed the commission on the life skills group and addressed the good aspects that a lot of people were involved and had great activities and presentations.
- b) Officer Position Election for FY19-20
- The members running for positions spoke in front of the commission as to why they should be elected.
 - Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, and Teah Scott are the candidates for Secretary
 - Nivea Krishnan and Vanessa Ghosn are the candidates for Vice Chairperson.
 - Dev Singhania and Jack Mao are the candidates for Chairperson.
 - The members voted and the candidates will be contacted by the next meeting.
- c) Recruitment for FY19-20
- New members will be announced at the next meeting in May.
- d) Graffiti Painted Positive
- The event will occur once a year. The March event has been cancelled.
- e) Grant Funding Panel Update
- Vanessa Ghosn and Jack Mao briefed the commission on the Grant Funding Panel and their experience. They read 23 applications for city grant funds that are targeted toward the youth. They attended three meetings with the neighborhood resources committee to help pick which grants should be funded.
- f) Available funds, \$3,145.36

6) Announcements

- a) N/A

7) Calendar

- a) Easter Celebration - Saturday, April 20th
- b) Next meeting is May 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

- a) Election Results

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the April 9th meeting, motion second by Vanessa Ghosn. Chair Anusha Natarajan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Signature: W. GH Date: 5/14/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhania called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Teah Scott, Sreyha Nandakumar, Grant Williams, Dhanya Charan, Jack Mao, Nika Shiehzaidegan, Nikita Bharati, Anusha Natarajan, Shahd Abdelkarim, Dev Singhania, Nivea Krishnan

Others present: Vinayak Athavale, Jacob Marson, Kristin Myer, Alexis Myer, Nithik Jawahar, Jayashree Adivarahan, Amitesh Bharati

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of April 9th, 2019. Approved at 6:12 p.m. Dhanya Charan moved to approve the April 9th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Anusha Natarajan.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

N/A

4) Action Agenda

N/A

5) Briefing Items

- a) Recap of Easter Event
 - i) Discussion on the booths that were run, which includes concessions, face painting, and a picture booth. Raised about a total of \$700 at the Easter Event
- b) Announcement of New Members for 2019-2020
 - i) Dev Singhania announced 9 new members that will be joining the Mayor's Youth Commission. New members include Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Vinayak Athavale, Kristin Meyer, Alexis Meyer, Agustya Matheth, Jayashree Adivarahan, Jacob Marson, and Neil Rastogi.
- c) Available funds, \$3576.01

6) Announcements

- a) Mayor Hartke will attend August 13, 2019 meeting
 - i) Mayor Hartke will sit in on the upcoming meeting and observe the Mayor's Youth Commission

7) Calendar

- a) End of the Year Celebration - May 30th, 2019 at 2:30-5:00 P.M. - RSVP by May 20th, 2019
- b) New Member Meeting is on July 30th, 2019
- c) First FY 19-20 meeting is Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 6 p.m. the Community Center
- d) Selling water on July 4th, 2019 at Tumbleweed from 4-10 P.M.

8) Information Items

- a) New members need to notify Trevor of their T-shirt sizes
- b) Sign senior cards for 8 graduating seniors that will be leaving the Mayor's Youth Commission

9) Adjournment

- a) Teah Scott motioned the adjourning of the May 14th meeting, motion second by Jack Mao. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Signature: Dev Singhania Date: 05/21/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhanian called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Dev Singhanian, Dhanya Charan, Vanessa Ghosh, Trevor Schutes, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Vinayak Athavale, Jayashree Adivarahan, Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Teah Scott, Nika Shiehzadegan, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, Nivea Krishnan

Others present: Layth Abdelkarim, Hiyun Lee, Rasmus Pekin, Humza Choudhry
Phoenix Wallace-Ross

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of May 14th, 2019. Approved at 6:09 p.m. Dhanya Charan moved to approve the May 14th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Jack Mao.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) Mayor Kevin Hartke

- i) Mayor Kevin Hartke made an appearance at our meeting and talked to our commission about his goals for the year, and his hopes for the future of our commission. He talked about 5 different topics the City of Chandler is working on to improve, and potentially wants our commission to focus on these areas in the future.

- (1) Technology and Innovation - Mayor Kevin Hartke discussed the work of local students he knows who are helping develop innovative technology that have a greater impact on others in our community, as well as emphasized how Chandler is advancing significantly in becoming a "smarter city". This specific technology was created by 10th grade students from Arizona College Prep (Erie Campus). He is helping with teaching these students on how to prosper in the business world, helping them with funding through grants, how to get a business up and running, etc.
 - (2) Renovation - Discussed how the City of Chandler is working to renovate older parts of Downtown Chandler in order to give community members a cleaner and safer environment.
 - (3) Mobility - Discussed the implementation of efficient transportation, and what Chandler is exactly doing to

improve this in our community. Mayor Kevin Hartke also introduced his 20 year traffic plan to the commission in order to explain what the city is doing to make our streets safer.

(4) Neighborhoods - Discussed the work Chandler is doing in order to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and clean, while also allowing for community members have an improved quality of life.

(5) Quality of Life - Discussed how the city is working to continue the quality of life in various aspects of the community. Chandler is currently one of the safest cities in the United States.

ii) Mayor Kevin Hartke presented ideas for potential future projects that MYC can implement as community service projects:

(1) MYC can upgrade our roles as ambassadors in the City of Chandler. This means going out to schools and the greater community to talk about these 5 visions. Mayor Hartke emphasized the importance of getting more people's opinions on the implementation of this master plan.

(2) The mayor said he would like us to project our voices at as far as the national level, and in general increase our voice in where it's heard. MYC members can go out and talk to senior classes about civics, local government, voting, etc. The mayor said he wants our commission members to get in front of as many students as we can.

(3) Mayor Kevin Hartke wants to help spreading the word about our commission through his social media (potentially also making features on the Chandler City Hall's media). This will help give MYC a greater voice, as well as make us aware in more schools around the community.

iii) Nivea asked how we can collaborate with the Mayor's office specifically to develop a plan to get MYC to implement his project ideas in the community. In his response, he said the way we can do this is by contacting him directly to talk to him about implementing these ideas.

iv) Teah asked what Mayor Hartke entails for the prospective assemblies he wants to hold at high schools. His response was that he wants us as ambassadors to go into high schools and to talk to students to figure out what they want to hear at these respective assemblies. We're the people who'll help structure what topics to cover when hosting these assemblies.

- v) Penny Wallace Ross, a teacher from Basha High School, said she came with an organization called SGI. SGI (Sokka Gakkai International) is a Buddhist organization that works to recognize issues regarding youth in our community, as well as create value in society. She mentioned the possibility of linking up with MYC and Mayor Kevin Hartke to hold events that spread awareness about these issues.
- vi) Jack Mao asked what are Mayor Hartke's active plans to address gun violence in the community. Hartke responded that he doesn't "sign things to sign things", but will sign things that have an actionable plan. He wants to help with actionable plan in regards to this issue when it comes along.

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Teen Town Hall (TTH) event and upcoming project
 - i) Discussed the purpose of Teen Town Hall, and what exactly it is. In past years, topics have included discussing life after school, teen dating violence, etc. Members should brainstorm new ideas to present at the upcoming meeting.
 - ii) Expressed how we should try to increase the variety of grades attending in future TTHs, and we can do this by promoting to more people, as well as picking topics that are pertinent to a wider range of grades.
 - iii) Members and guests should brainstorm ideas for the TTH to discuss at the next meeting, and voting on a date has been postponed to next meeting.
- b) Discussion and Action on 2019-2020 Sponsorship Funding Panel
 - i) Unanimous vote on having MYC participating in the Sponsorship Funding Panel
 - ii) Jayashree Adivarahan, Dhanya Charan, Vinayak Athavale, Trevor Schutes, Jack Mao, and Jacob Marson expressed interest in being potential candidates for sitting in on the Sponsorship Funding Panel.
- c) Discussion and Action on upcoming events
 - i) October 4th will be our Graffiti Painted Positive event
 - (1) We discussed how we will utilize this event to put graffiti in a more positive light, as well as give youth a platform to explore their creative side and make graffiti in a legal manner.

- (2) Unanimous vote to hold this event on October 4th
- ii) October 30th will be Spooktacular
 - (1) MYC participates in Spooktacular by selling concessions, doing face painting, sell glow items, and taking photos.
 - (2) Unanimous vote to hold this event on October 30th
- iii) December 7th will be our Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Parade
 - (1) MYC members/guests that participate will get to go around and judge participating floats in the parade
- iv) April 11th - Easter
- v) Jack Mao proposed having MYC have a booth at Basha High School Homecoming Carnival on September 10th
- d) Discussion and Action on Training/Meeting with Gilbert MYC September 28th from 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
 - i) Meeting up with Gilbert MYC to discuss potential ideas of collaboration in the future

5) Briefing Items

- a) Review member folder
 - i) Members are expected to participate thoroughly through the year, as well as voice their opinions in various settings.
 - ii) Expectations
 - iii) Contact Information
- b) Shirts
 - i) City of Chandler logo has changed, so all members will be getting new shirts
- c) Teen Town Hall presentation to Parks and Recreation Board and Council, October and November TBA
- d) Anti-Harassment Bullying memo
- e) Staff Liason
 - i) Trevor Groth talked about how he and Tony Baumann are the staff liaison for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- f) New shirts
- g) Available funds, \$3,121.00

6) Announcements

7) Calendar

- a) Next meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

- a) N/A

9) **Adjournment**

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the February 12th meeting, motion second by Zocelyne Kow. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Signature: Dev Singhania Date: 08/20/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhania called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Dev Singhania, Vanessa Ghosh, Trevor Schutes, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Vinayak Athavale, Jayashree Adivarahan, Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Teah Scott, Nika Shiehzhadegan, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, Nivea Krishnan, Agustya Matheth, Sreyha Nandakumar

Others present: Hiyun Lee, Layla Kader

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of April 13th, 2019. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Teah Scott moved to approve the April 13th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Jack Mao.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

N/A

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action upcoming events and fundraisers
 - i) Discussed the Spooktacular event that will be taking place on October 25th from 4 P.M. - 10 P.M. There was a unanimous vote to have MYC hold this event again this year.
 - ii) Discussed holding Graffiti Painted Positive on October 4th from 4 P.M.-8 P.M. The commission also voted on spending \$250 on the event, and there was a unanimous vote to spend this amount of money, as well as for holding Graffiti Painted Positive again this year.
 - iii) Discussed the event for the Gilbert-Mesa-Chandler MYC Meeting. 12 members are needed at this event and it will be on September 28th from 7:30 A.M.- 2 P.M.
 - iv) Discussed the Senior Center Volunteer Banquet on November 16th from 8 A.M. - 1 P.M. There was a unanimous vote to have MYC volunteer at this event.
 - v) Discussed the Senior Holiday Dinner Dance on December 6th from 4 P.M. - 10 P.M. There was a unanimous vote to have MYC volunteer at this event.

- vi) Discussed the Adopt a Family Event on December 18th at 5 P.M. There was a unanimous vote to have this event, as well as to spend a maximum amount of \$500 between two families.
- vii) Discussed to hold the Easter Event on April 11th. There was a unanimous vote to have MYC volunteer at this event.
- viii) Discussed to help out at the Senior Expo setup, as well as Senior Expo event. 12 voted in favor of having MYC volunteer at this event, so the vote passed.
- b) Discussion and Action to move October meeting to the 15th due to Fall Break and move the March meeting to the 3rd due to Spring Break
 - i) There was a unanimous vote to pass this change in the meeting schedule.
- c) Discussion and Action to move Grant Funding Panel with Neighborhood Resources
 - i) This panel will vote to allocate funding towards different organizations around the City (categories include youth, disabled persons, etc.). This project would be over two to three months, and the member selected would read over grant packets during the time period allotted. Members that are interested include Teah, Nivea, Sreyha, Vinny, Nika, Jayashree, Jacob, and Dev.

5) Briefing Items

- a) Discussion of topics for Teen Town Hall (February 18th, 2020)
 - i) Discussed what Teen Town Hall is (A full day event hosted by MYC to bring together youth around the valley for a discussion about topics that are affecting youth around the community, as well as resolutions we can implement to combat these issues.)
 - ii) One idea discussed was speaking about the necessity of civic engagement in schools around the community.
 - iii) I Can Help - potentially partnering with this organization that focuses on how to properly use social media. If selected as a topic, we would discuss how teens could develop their platform on social media, while also making good choices at the same time.
 - iv) Another topic discussed was potentially talking about Internet safety (a potential resolution could be using hashtags for awareness)
 - v) Another topic discussed was potentially talking about the poverty gap and making the youth more aware about this issue.
 - vi) Another potential topic included public safety, as well as school safety (what to do in the situation, how to potentially identify the suspect, etc.)

- b) Review of Calendar
 - i) September 25th-TTH Advocacy Practice (Nivea, Dev, and Zocelyne)
 - ii) September 28th- Gilbert-Mesa-Chandler MYC Meeting
 - iii) October 4th- Graffiti Painted Positive
 - iv) October 15th- MYC Meeting
 - v) October 16th- TTH Advocacy Practice
 - vi) October 25th- Spooktacular
- c) Meeting/discussion day with Gilbert and Mesa Youth Commissions
 - i) Safe TALK training
 - ii) September 28th from 7:30am-2:00pm
- d) 2019 Teen Town Hall advocacy
 - i) Parks and Recreation Board – November 5th
 - ii) Council Meeting – November 7th
- e) Available Funds, \$3,121.00

6) Announcements

7) Calendar

- a) Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

- a) N/A

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the February 12th meeting, motion seconded by Nikita Bharati. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Signature: Dev Singhania Date: 09/17/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhania called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Dev Singhania, Vanessa Ghosn, Trevor Schutes, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Vinayak Athavale, Jayashree Adivarahan, Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Teah Scott, Nika Shiehzaegan, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, Nivea Krishnan, Agustya Matheth, Sreyha Nandakumar, Dhanya Charan

Others present: Hiyun Lee, Jahnvi Nair, Layth Abdelkarim, Layla Kader

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of September 10th, 2019. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Dhanya Charan moved to approve the September 10th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Teah Scott.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) Chandler Fire Department - Chief Jeff West and Firefighter Sara Ferguson
 - i) Started in Kyrene and Gilbert schools originally, and eventually branched out to more districts, including the Chandler Unified School District
 - ii) 91% of school shootings occur in high schools
 - (1) In the past, practices included arming SROs with long guns, writing up a "white paper" keeping up with present research, ghost cars (cars in the front to deter criminal from entering campus), and regular patrols of school campuses
 - (2) Currently, they have implemented heavy vests for SROs, PD workstations, go bags (bags with helpful things that are on-site in case of an actual emergency), as well as providing school faculty with SERT training
 - (3) In the future, they would like to implement threat assessments, drones, camera upgrades for school campuses, mentoring, and joint safety committees
 - iii) SERT is School Emergency Response Team (they communicate with Police and Fire), Accountability, etc.
 - (1) An example they provided was a devastating school shooting that occurred Parkland, Florida. Ms. Ferguson

discusses how a past student walked through the gates without being questioned and passed 8 people before lockdown initiated. She emphasized how schools and students need to fix this on their part.

- iv) How does it work when there is an emergency at a school? There is constant communication between agencies via radio, face to face, etc. Groups such as the SWAT team, police, fire, and rescue task force are notified immediately and send up to hundreds of officers to the targeted location
- v) SERT heavily emphasizes how students need to be empowered and speak up when they see something off-putting. Ms. Ferguson used the example of how social media is an important place to be fully aware, especially since that is a source that our generation uses a lot these days to express our emotions, issues we may be going through, etc. She also said that it's better to report something and it is a false alarm, rather than having it not reported and an unfortunate event occurs.
- vi) Tourniquets will soon be in every classroom (they are nylon bandages that are used to cover wounds)
- vii) Need to change the mindset about how it can't happen at your school because every location these days are vulnerable to an attack
- viii) Discussed discrepancies in how schools currently handle fire and lockdown drills and how we as members can go in and change it by increasing awareness

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Chandler Fire presenting at Teen Town Hall 2020
 - i) Discusses options about either having SERT as the main overarching topic and getting a few guest speakers that touch on topics of our choices or doing it like past years when we have three different topics
 - ii) Unanimous vote to do SERT presentation as the main overarching topic and getting a few guest speakers that touch on topics of our choices

5) Briefing Items

- a) Assignment of Teen Town Hall Topics to Commission Members
 - i) Due to it being decided that we would have one overarching topic that we will be presenting in partnership with SERT, we will be

discussing this at the next meeting. We will decide who will assist on each of the three rotations at the upcoming TTH.

b) **Safe TALK review**

- i) Members and guests that attended discussed how to identify if people and fellow peers are going through something and how you can help them. A peer-to-peer model was emphasized heavily at the training
- ii) Attendance was not the most optimal, and our group should strive this at future events

c) Available Funds, \$3,121.00

6) Announcements

7) Calendar

a) 2019 Teen Town Hall Advocacy

- i) Practice 6-7pm - October 16th, 23rd, 30th
- ii) Parks and Recreation Board - November 5th at 5 P.M.
- iii) Council Meeting - November 7th at 6 P.M.


b) Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

a) N/A

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the February 12th meeting, motion seconded by Dhanya Charan. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Signature:  Date: 11/12/19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhanian called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Members present: Dev Singhanian, Vanessa Ghosn, Trevor Schutes, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Vinayak Athavale, Jayashree Adivarahan, Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Teah Scott, Nika Shiehzadegan, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, Nivea Krishnan, Agustya Matheth, Dhanya Charan

Others present: Jahnavi Nair, Layth Abdelkarim, Arman Patra, Myah Osburn, Grace Dantelly

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of October 15th, 2019. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Teah Scott moved to approve the October 15th, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Jack Mao.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) Multicultural Day Festival
 - i) The theme for the festival is the ethnicity of Asian demographics. The commission discussed whether they should take part in planning and carrying out this event. This did not pass through the commission and our group will not be participating/planning in regards to this event.
- b) 2020 Teen Leadership Academy
 - i) This is conducted by the Mayor's Office, and it's hosted during Chandler's spring break. They open applications to youth, and it is highly recommended that students attend this, because they can learn about civic and government. The commission was informed about this opportunity.
- c) Teen Town Hall Advocacy
 - i) We will be changing it this year in which instead of waiting until the next school year to present on what happened at the Town Hall, we will present directly after Teen Town Hall. This way, it will be fresh in our minds, and the same people who participated in the Town Hall can speak on what we took away during the event.
 - ii) Tony wants us to reach out to teachers at our schools (preferably student governments or social studies classes) and plan a time to

go in with the Mayor and advocate for Teen Town Hall. This should be decided in the upcoming weeks, and we will all act as ambassadors at our own respective high schools.

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Senior Olympic Swimming event – Sunday, February 23, 2020, 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - i) Anyone who volunteers at this event will help with timing the races. Tony has promised to give all students double the volunteer hours if the help at this event.
 - ii) Everyone voted for helping out at this event except for Trevor, Nika, Sreyha, and Dhanya
- b) Discussion and Action on visiting the Arizona State Capitol - February 2020
 - i) It was a unanimous vote to pass this event. We will be visiting the capitol in February 2020. It will be during the day so that we can see the elected officials in action, and this will also include a tour of the capitol. It was confirmed by Nivea after the meeting occurred that the capitol tour will take place on February 12th, 2020.
- c) Discussion and Action Adopt a Family or Seniors
 - i) If we do Adopt a Family, then we will partition \$300 to each family and will do the event for two families. The commission voted to do Adopt a Family instead of Adopt a Senior. We also voted to move this event to December 19th (same time) instead of December 18th, 2019.
- d) Discussion and Action on Attending the Multicultural Day Festival
 - i) Same information as mentioned in Section A of Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances
- e) Discussion and Action on Polar Express
 - i) 14 out of 15 members voted, so this event passed and our commission will be volunteering at the Polar Express on

5) Briefing Items

- a) Member Responsibilities and Expectations
 - i) Communication needs to be improved with the board and liaisons of the Mayor's Youth Commission. Also, attendance needs to improve for the future, as well as committing to staying the whole time at events. However, our clean up times have been really good and that is a quality that is appreciated throughout the whole commission.
- b) b. Graffiti Painted Positive Recap

- i) Graffiti Painted Positive went smoothly, though we would like to increase attendance next year. Clean up was done efficiently and effectively
- c) c. Spooktacular Recap
 - i) All the groups worked well with their given tasks, customers were happy with concessions, face painting, and photos, and our clean up was done efficiently and effectively.
- d) d. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
 - i) We are not allowed to vote on items that have a conflict of interest with certain members of the commission (if they are involved in certain commitments or obligations) due to the issues it can cause in the future. Members were made aware of this policy.

6) Announcements

- a) Chandler Light Parade - Teah, Dhanya, and Nika have volunteered to help judge at this event. Dev and Nikita are the second choices if one of the original volunteers are unable to make it.

7) Calendar

- a) Holiday Dinner Dance at Community Center– December 6, 2019 from 4:00pm – 9:30pm: Dev, Amitesh, Dhanya, Trevor, Layth, Vinny, Shankar, and Agustya have volunteered to attend this event
- b) Adopt a Family/Senior at Community Center– December 18, 2019 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm: Nikita, Nivea, Dev, Kristin, Alexis, Amitesh, Trevor, Jacob, Jack, Vanessa, Jayashree, and Dhanya have volunteered to attend this event
- c) Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

- a) N/A

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the November 12th meeting, motion seconded by Vanessa Ghosn. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Signature: Dev Singhania Date: 11 / 19 / 19

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dev Singhania called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Dev Singhania, Vanessa Ghosn, Trevor Schutes, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Vinayak Athavale, Jayashree Adivarahan, Shankar Kailas, Amitesh Bharati, Teah Scott, Nika Shiehzadegan, Jack Mao, Zocelyne Kow, Nikita Bharati, Nivea Krishnan, Agustya Matheth, Dhanya Charan

Others present: Jahn timer Nair, Layth Abdelkarim, Arman Patra, Myah Osburn, Grace Dantelly

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of November 12, 2019. Approved at 6:02 p.m. Teah Scott moved to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes, motion seconded by Jack Mao.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) Cori Garcia – Social Media Campaign for Teen Town Hall
 - i) Cori talked about how she wanted our promotion to go digital for Teen Town Hall. She presented an exercise in which we would work together to develop a social media campaign for Teen Town Hall. First, we worked together to develop an overall title for our event. Example titles included School Safety Preparedness, Emergency Preparedness, etc. Next, we talked about the purpose of the event (what we the students want to take away, as well as what our personal goals are). Things that were discussed included making sure students are educated about what to do in the moment of emergency, how to prepare for an event, and how to even prevent it from occurring. For personal goals, we would like to increase attendance to at least above 150 students, give them opportunities to experience hands-on activities, etc. Our audience includes high school students, junior high students, etc. Platforms we would like to expand on include social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, etc. Everyone got into groups and develop potential social media posts that we could use.

- b) Lauren Koll – Neighborhood Resources – Student Ambassador presentation
 - i) They provide opportunities to youth in our community to travel and study abroad. The sister city program allows students from our area to go to locations such as Ireland, Scotland, etc. They would like MYC to provide assistance and suggestions to the fundraising aspect of their program, and would also like MYC students to apply for next year's cohort. They want more of us and students, in general, to get more involved in promoting the program, helping with fundraising, and acting as ambassadors in our community.

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on the Social Media Campaign for Teen Town Hall
 - i) Declined to discuss at this meeting, but will discuss in the next meeting
- b) Discussion and Action on fundraising at the City of Chandler, 4th of July Event
 - 1) It was a unanimous vote not to have Mayor's Youth Commission participate in this event.
- c) Discussion and Action on MYC Teambuilding Activity
 - i) Two ideas the board proposed included a group picnic
 - ii) 12 students voted for the picnic and 6 students voted for going to Feed My Starving Children
 - iii) The group voted on potential dates for the picnic- Jan 3, 4, 18, 25
 - iv) The majority of the group decided on January 25 from 10am-2pm
 - v) 18 members voted to spend no more than \$350 on the MYC Teambuilding Picnic

5) Briefing Items

- a) Teen Town Hall Update
 - i) Breakout sessions
 - (1) The TTH will only consist of two sessions conducted by the Chandler Police and Fire Department
 - ii) Lunch options
 - (1) Teah Scott proposed Jason's Deli
 - (2) Vanessa Ghosn- Jimmy Johns
 - (3) Jacob Mercen- Local restaurants (look into donations)
 - (4) The board proposed Barros and Subway
 - (5) The commission will vote on the lunch options at the next meeting
- b) Recap of Volunteer Banquet at the Senior Center

- i) The members helped set-up the banquet for the volunteers and served them. All were actively engaged and the Mayor's Youth Commission gained decent exposure as a result.
- c) Polar Express at Tumbleweed Rec Center
 - i) All the groups worked well with their given tasks, making the event as enjoyable as possible for the children. There were arts and crafts, hot chocolate, and opportunities to meet Santa, fostering a merry holiday spirit.
- d) Senior Holiday Dance Dinner
 - i) The commission didn't have a strong turnout, which emphasized the need for the members to only support events that they can personally attend.
- e) Parade of Lights float judging
 - i) The members judged over 65 parade floats, which was entertaining when combined with the festive lights and other booths lining the street.

6) Announcements

- a) N/A

7) Calendar

- a) Adopt a Family/Senior at Community Center– December 18, 2019 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm: Nikita, Nivea, Dev, Kristin, Alexis, Amitesh, Trevor, Jacob, Jack, Vanessa, Jayashree, Dhanya have volunteered to attend this event; Trevor will accept the first 14 members to submit their permission slip
- b) Next meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center

8) Information Items

- a) N/A

9) Adjournment

- a) Nivea Krishnan motioned the adjourning of the December 10th meeting, motion seconded by Vanessa Ghosn. Chair Dev Singhania adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Signature: Dev Singhania Date: 12 / 17 / 19