

Sierra Vista Youth Commission

Annual Report
2016-2017





Youth Commission Purpose

- ✓ Advise City Council on matters of concern to Sierra Vista youth.
- ✓ Recommend and encourage programs and legislation to benefit area youth.
- ✓ Promote better understanding and integration of youth in local government.
- ✓ Assist in planning youth services.

Current Commission Members

Rachel Jacobs, Chair
Dominic Valentin, Vice Chair
Krysta Ellis
Ethan Johnson
Timothy Jones
Ariana Heinrich
Nicholas Monbleau

Staff Liaison:

Emily Scherrer, Library Manager

Secretary:

Debra Chatham, Library

Technician





Accomplishments

- ❖ Attended the Youth Program at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns annual conference. Identified a speaker (Alzonzo Jones), who was invited to participate in the Limitless Teen Leadership Conference. Led the “LEGOS without Limits” breakout session at the conference.
- ❖ Assisted at the 2016 annual Back To School Fair.
- ❖ Continued to advise City Staff on Teen Center programs.



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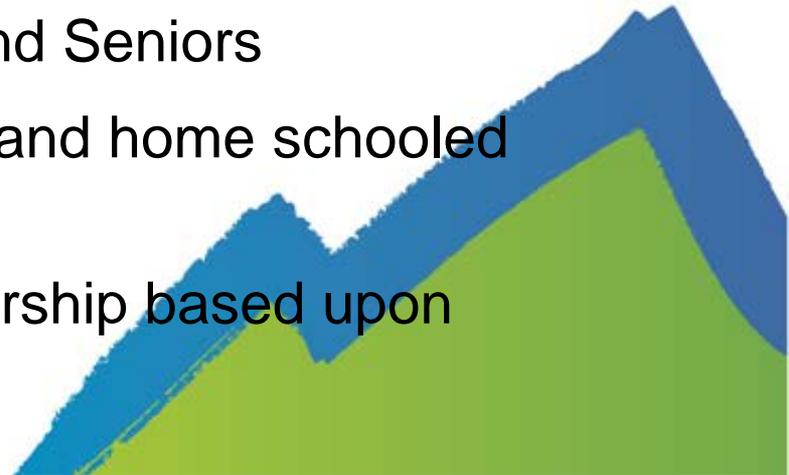
- ❖ Began discussing City Council work session and meeting agenda items so Commission could potentially identify issues of concern to youth. Assigned members to attend or view City Council meetings/work sessions each month, consider recommendations, and report back.
- ❖ Began planning a “Teen Town Hall.”
- ❖ Discussed and considered strategic initiatives for City Council. Submitted the following:

Develop and implement a paid City internship program designed to give local high school students hands-on job experience.



Accomplishments

- ❖ Planned, conducted outreach and participated in the City's **Limitless Sierra Vista Teen Leadership Conference** for area youth.
 - Second annual leadership conference, started as goal of Commission in 2016
 - Over 25 participants this year
 - Open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
 - Participation by all area schools and home schooled students
 - \$1,000 Rotary-sponsored scholarship based upon essay submittal



Speaker:
Tristan Gandalfi

Growing Through Humor

#Limitless!



#Limitless!



The Commission led an exercise entitled “LEGOS Without Limits” which allowed teens to think about things they would create in their communities if they had no limits.



**Pamela Weir, Assistant to the City
Manager for Goodyear**

Stop Surviving, Start Thriving!

#Limitless!



Speaker:

**Alonzo Jones
Associate Athletic Director
Arizona State University**

#Limitless!

**Thinking About and Projecting Yourself
as a College Graduate!**



#Limitless!



Ready, Set, Actionary!



#Limitless!



Scholarship Winner:

**Sati Hodges
\$1,000**

**Wrote about her goal to
be a mechanic and open
her own automobile
repair business.**



2017-2018 Goals

- ❖ Attend the Youth Program at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns annual conference and bring back ideas for next year's Teen Conference in Sierra Vista.
- ❖ Evaluate and improve the Sierra Vista Teen Leadership Conference for 2018.
- ❖ Host a "Teen Town Hall" Program.
- ❖ Continue to identify ways to enhance programming and attendance at Teen Center.
- ❖ Identify and recruit new Youth Commission members to fill the four upcoming vacant slots.

Thank You!

