

SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY, 2015



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

R. Southee, Chair, called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Youth Commission to order at 5:08 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

2. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Krysta Ellis
Rachel Jacobs
Rachel Southee
Tim Tolmie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kameron Peyton
Dominic Valentin

OTHERS PRESENT

Alesia Ash, City Council Liaison
Gwen Calhoun, City Councilmember
Debra Chatham, Library Staff, Recorder
Robert Fee, Teen Center Staff

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Tim Tolmie moved that the agenda be accepted. K. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2014**

R. Jacobs moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014 be accepted as written. K. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.



Leisure & Library Services

**5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS—
Councilmember Alesia Ash:**

Councilmember Ash gave her comments and updates during agenda item discussions.

6. STAFF LIAISON REPORT ON DEPARTMENT ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—Emily Scherrer:

There was no report.

7. VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

K. Ellis provided information on volunteer opportunities available through JustServe.org.

R. Southee talked about volunteering at the Thunder Mountain Games, April 25. The Commissioners will look into opportunities to volunteer at this event.

R. Fee mentioned that the Commissioners may be able to volunteer as tutors at local schools.

Councilmember Ash said the Commissioners may be able to collaborate with teens from the Fort Huachuca Youth Center on volunteer opportunities.

T. Tolmie mentioned possible opportunities with the Good Neighbor Alliance.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Letter to Area Student Council

R. Southee reported that she will have the letter prepared by the next meeting.

b. Leadership Project

The Commissioners discussed various possibilities for a leadership program for area youth and decided September 2015 would be a good time for the program. The Commissioners asked that this item remain on the agenda.

c. Youth Commission Vacancies

Councilmember Ash explained associate membership opportunities to the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked that this item be placed on the March 17 agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Welcome to New City Council Liaison, Alesia Ash**
Councilmember Ash introduced herself and talked about her experiences on the Youth Commission, her educational background, and her experience in politics.
- b. **Strategic Leadership Plan**
Councilmember Ash explained the strategic planning process and the Youth Commission's role in that process. The Commissioners will hold a special meeting March 3 to work on the strategic plan. Councilmember Ash mentioned that this could be part of the Commission's presentation to City Council in April.

Councilmember Ash reminded the Commissioners that their yearly presentation before the City Council will be in April. Councilmember Calhoun told the Commissioners what information the presentation should contain. The Commissioners asked that this item be placed on the March 17 agenda.

- c. **City Branding with NorthStar**
R. Jacobs reported on the January meeting with North Star.

T. Tolmie prepared a Q&A with area youth and the Commissioners will compile the results.

10. TEEN CENTER DESIGN, POLICIES, & PROGRAMMING

T. Tolmie asked about advertising the teen center. Various advertising options were discussed.

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Councilmember Calhoun mentioned the *My Sierra Vista* app available for reporting infrastructure issues to the city's public works department.

12. REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

T. Tolmie asked about the laser tag tournament that the Commission had previously discussed. The Commission would like to talk more about Teen Center programming in future meetings.

**SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

K. Ellis, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Youth Commission to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Krysta Ellis
Rachel Jacobs
Kameron Peyton
Tim Tolmie
Dominic Valentin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachel Southee

OTHERS PRESENT

Emily Scherrer, Library Administrator
Alesia Ash, City Council Liaison
Debra Chatham, Library Staff, Recorder
Joseph Nunnally, Member of the Public
Robert Fenceroy, Member of the Public
Sandra Hurlbut, Water Wise Youth Program

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

D. Valentin moved that the agenda be accepted. R. Jacobs seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5—0. The motion carried.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2015

R. Jacobs moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015 be accepted as written. D. Valentin seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5—0. The motion carried.

**5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS—
Councilmember Alesia Ash:**

Councilmember Ash reported that the Council is busy with the city's strategic plan and she is looking forward to receiving the Youth Commission's priorities.

6. STAFF LIAISON REPORT ON DEPARTMENT ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—Emily Scherrer:

Emily mentioned that the Commission needed to work on their strategic plan priorities during the meeting and talked about the Commission's PowerPoint presentation to Council.

Teen Center staff are working on marketing the Teen Center. Once the librarian position is filled, it is hoped that programming will be enhanced and more teens will be attracted to the center.

7. VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sandra Hurlbut, Water Wise Youth Program, explained how the Youth Commission could assist with Water Awareness Month.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Letter to Area Student Council
There was no new information to discuss.
- b. Leadership Project
The Commissioners will attempt to contact potential speakers for the event. This item will remain on the agenda.
- c. Youth Commission Vacancies
The Commission has one application to review. Vice-Chair Ellis will attempt to contact the applicant and will report at the next meeting.

Commissioners Jacobs', Ellis', and Southee's terms will expire this summer. They will consider reapplying.

- d. Strategic Leadership Plan
The Commissioners discussed priorities for the city's strategic leadership plan.
- e. City Branding
There was no new information to discuss. This item will be removed from the agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

A special meeting will be held March 3, 5:00 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

The next Regular Meeting will be March 17, 5:00 p.m., at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.



R. Southee, Chair

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to advise City Council on matters of concern to the youth of Sierra Vista, and to recommend and encourage action programs and legislation beneficial to the youth of the community; promote better understanding and integration of youth and the local government, and assist in the planning, operation and evaluation of the local service delivery system for youth related services as consumers of these services.