

SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015
ARIZONA



1. CALL TO ORDER

2.

R. Southee, Chair, called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Youth Commission to order at 5:10 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

3. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Jacobs
Kameron Peyton
Rachel Southee
Dominic Valentin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Krysta Ellis
Tim Tolmie

OTHERS PRESENT

Emily Scherrer, Library Administrator
Victoria Yarbrough, Leisure & Library Services Director
Alesia Ash, Councilmember
Simone McFarland, Economic Development Manager
Debra Chatham, Library Recorder
Matt Schutze, Teen Center Staff

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

R. Jacobs moved that the agenda be accepted. R. Southee seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2015

R. Jacobs moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015 be accepted as written. R. Southee seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.



Leisure & Library Services

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

Councilmember Ash reported that the budget has been approved by Council. Ms. Ash gave an overview of the budget items and said the Council will vote on a proposed tax rate increase in August.

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

Emily reminded the Commissioners to get their permission slips for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference to her right away.

Emily said the Teen Center is doing well and mentioned that the Teen Center and Library collaborative laser tag events are very popular.

Emily thanked Dominic Valentin and Krysta Ellis for helping at the recent Back To School Fair.

8. VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

a. Back To School Fair

Emily mentioned that she saw some pictures of Dominic and Krysta helping at the Back to School Fair.

b. Water Wise Project

Councilmember Ash said there would be an opportunity for the Commissioners to participate in a PSA for television. Councilmember Ash asked that this item remain on the agenda.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Letter to Area Student Councils

Emily and Rachel Southee will meet to work on the letter.

b. Leadership Project

The Commission asked that this item remain on the agenda. The Commissioners will look for ideas for their Leadership Academy during the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference in August.

c. League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference

Emily reminded the Commissioners to get their permission slips to her for this one day event in Tucson. Emily will provide an agenda for the Youth Commissioners.

- d. Youth Commission vs. City Council Laser Tag Tournament
Councilmember Ash will ask the Council members if they would like to participate in a tournament during National Night Out. Ms. McFarland said city staff might be willing to participate as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Economic Development Plan—Simone McFarland
Simone McFarland, City of Sierra Vista Economic Development Manager, introduced herself and explained to the Commissioners what economic development is. Ms. McFarland explained the role she and the Commissioners have in economic development for Sierra Vista. Ms. McFarland explained the city's current plans for economic development.
- b. Foreign Exchange, Sister Cities Commission
V. Yarbrough explained what the Sister Cities Commission is and said there is an opportunity for students to participate in the foreign exchange program. Ms. Yarbrough said that interested students can contact the Sister Cities Club at Buena.

TEEN CENTER DESIGN, POLICIES, & PROGRAMMING

E. Scherrer said there will soon be a ping pong table available at the Teen Center.

Ms. Scherrer asked the Commissioners to let her know about any current interests of local teens. R. Jacobs mentioned the popularity of spike ball.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

E. Scherrer introduced Matt Schutze, new Teen Center employee, to the Commissioners.

REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commissioners verified that the Leadership Academy would be on the next agenda.

Emily asked that the letter to area student councils remain on the agenda so that it can be finalized and sent out.

The Commission requested that election of new officers be placed on the next agenda.

Councilmember Ash asked the Commissioners if they had any additional items they would like for her to take to the Council.

Ms. McFarland mentioned that the Commissioners could visit the newly launched economic development website at SierraVistaAZBusiness.com.

The Commission asked if the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference could be placed on the next agenda. They also asked about rescheduling the August meeting since it conflicts with the conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be August 25, 5:00 p.m., at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

Krysha Ellis vice - chair
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.