

SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of May 16, 2017 5:00 PM
Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Heinrich, Commissioner, called the regular meeting of the Sierra Vista Youth Commission to order at 5:03 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Krysta Ellis (arrived late)
Ariana Heinrich
Ethan Johnson
Timothy Jones
Nicholas Monbleau

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachel Jacobs. Chair
Dominic Valentin, Vice-chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Emily Scherrer, Staff Liaison, Library Manager
Alesia Ash, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Liaison, arrived late
Debra Chatham, Recorder, Library Staff
Elizabeth Heinrich, Member of the Public
Anton Lieb, Member of the Public and Commission Applicant

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

T. Jones moved that the agenda be accepted as written. A. Heinrich seconded the motion. VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2017—REGULAR MEETING

A. Heinrich moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2017 be accepted as written. N. Monbleau seconded the motion. VOTE: 4—0. The motion carried.

6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS—Mayor Pro Tem Alesia Ash:

Mayor Pro Tem Ash thanked the Commissioners for their participation in the Teen Town Hall. She said the event was very well received by the Council members who participated and the Council members are open to having more in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Ash said that Sierra Vista was designated as a Bicycle Friendly City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ash said that Council budget discussions were underway and she will keep the Youth Commissioners informed, particularly about discussion relating to the Teen Center.

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

Emily said that there were about 60 youth who attended the laser tag event that the Teen Center hosted for Prom Week.

Emily mentioned that Summer Reading Program is about to begin at the library and that teens are welcome to participate.

Emily reminded the Commissioners that the library hosts Library After Dark programs which are fun and popular with teens.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Back To School Fair

Emily told the Commissioners that the Back To School Fair will be July 15 from 10:00 a.m. until noon and asked if the Commissioners were interested in participating this year. The consensus was that they would like to help. Emily asked the Commissioners to put the event in their calendars and she will remind them closer to time.

b. Youth League Conference

Emily discussed the Youth League Conference which will be August 23 and handed out permission slips and asked that the Commissioners have them returned to her by mid-June.

Emily also mentioned that the Commissioners would need to prepare their information board for the conference.

- c. Discussion/decision on Youth Commission applicant Anton Lieb
The Commissioners reviewed Anton's application, asked questions about his qualifications for a seat on the Youth Commission, and heard about his interests.

Anton told the Commissioners how he expected to be able to contribute to the Youth Commission and the community.

A. Heinrich made a motion that the Youth Commission recommend to City Council that Anton be seated on the Youth Commission. K. Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5—0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Teen Town Hall—after action report
The Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the Teen Town Hall but said a bit more time for discussion would have been good. They were glad the Council had so much to say and felt that they did a good job discussing the topics with those in attendance. They were glad youth at the Teen Center attended and would like to see more attendance from other youth at future town hall events.

The Commissioners would like the Teen Town Hall meetings to become a regular event.

Emily mentioned that the Teen Town Hall was more in line with their mission and the Commissioners agreed they felt it aligned well with their mission.

- b. 2018 Teen Leadership Conference
Emily asked the Commissioners if they had any new ideas. The Commissioners discussed maximum grade level of participants, possible themes, and marketing.

11. TEEN CENTER DESIGN, POLICIES, & PROGRAMMING

Emily mentioned that Teen Center staff are finishing up the summer schedule. She mentioned that there would be a squirt gun battle which was a suggestion made by Commissioner Ellis.

A. Heinrich mentioned she has been discussing design of the Teen Center with staff.

12. REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Heinrich commented on the status of the Teen Center. Mayor Pro Tem Ash said that the Council's budget discussions would be finished before the next meeting of the Youth Commission and that she will bring to the next meeting any information she has regarding the Teen Center.

Emily asked Commissioners Monbleau and Heinrich to attend or view a Council meeting or work session or read a newspaper article about city business before the next Commission meeting. The Commissioners responded that they would do so.

Emily said there would be an agenda item or work session planned so the Commissioners could make their poster for the Youth League Conference.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2017 5:00 p.m., at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

A. Heinrich, Commissioner

D. Chatham, Recorder

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.