



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

September 27, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree.
We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. Chair Benitez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Chair Benitez

3. ROLL CALL

A. Benitez, Bradish, Cranford, Dougherty, Figueroa, German,
Gorbanovski, Ico, Logan, Nguyen, Orozco, Roh, Russell, and
Ziegler

4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2019

6. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. Upcoming Council Report - Advisor Mazurkiewicz

B. Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade - Administrative Contact Griglin

7. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Input of citizens on matters concerning City Government; 3 minutes per individual.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

9. BUSINESS

- A. Bus Stop Movement Continued Discussion - Member Ico
- B. Florida League of Cities 2019 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition - Member Ziegler
- C. Youth Council Adopt-A-Road Schedule - Administrative Contact Griglin
- D. Youth Council Community Outreach

10. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

11. REPORTS

12. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

13. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Item Number:	5.A.
Meeting Date:	9/27/2019
Item Type:	APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2019

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment?
2. Is this a Strategic Decision?
 - If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.
 - If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

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SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Friday, September 13, 2019

Chair Benitez called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Benitez

Roll Call: Chair Benitez, Members Bradish, Cranford, Dougherty, Gorbanovski, Ico, Logan, Orozco, Russell, and Ziegler were present. Members Figueroa and Nguyen were excused. Member German arrived at 3:14 p.m. and Member Roh arrived at 3:48 p.m.

Also in attendance: Richard Williams, Council Liaison
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Connie Griglin, Administrative Contact
Shaun Mitchinson, Communications Director

CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Gorbanovski moved, seconded by Member Dougherty, to adopt the Agenda for the September 13, 2019 meeting, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Logan, Orozco, Russell, Ziegler, Benitez, Bradish, Cranford, Dougherty, Gorbanovski, and Ico voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 10-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 23, 2019

Member Logan moved, seconded by Member Ziegler, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2019, as presented. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming Council Report - Advisor Mazurkiewicz

Advisor Mazurkiewicz provided the following City Council report for September 2019:

- Focusing on adopting the City’s budget for the upcoming year
- Possible reduction of the millage to the rollback rate

Discussion held regarding the Youth Council’s budget. The City Council agreed to carry forward the same budget amount to the next year.

Florida League of Cities 2019 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition

Chair Benitez turned the floor over to the Advisors for further discussion on this topic.

Council Liaison Williams discussed the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

Communications Director Mitchinson displayed the Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2019 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition handout on the overhead projector, which was also distributed prior to the meeting in the backup material.

Discussion held regarding the Youth Council Video Competition.

Chair Benitez indicated that the Members showed an interest in this topic at the past meetings. She inquired if any Member would agree to lead this project.

Committee Member Ziegler voiced that she would be available to take the lead on the Video Competition.

Discussion held regarding:

- Next Youth Council meetings: September 27, 2019 and October 11, 2019
- Submission Deadline October 11, 2019
- September 27, 2019 - Members to bring "Answers to Questions"
- Questions: "How are you part of your city?" and "Why are you proud of your city?"
- Developing storyboard and brainstorming on context to discuss at the next meeting
- Communications Director to work with the City video support 1ProMedia

Committee Member German arrived at 3:14 p.m.

Discussion held regarding:

- Showcase Youth Council's ideas, creativity, and commitment to the community
- Requirements: YouTube link to video, which must be less than seven minutes long; and a 150-word summary of the video
- Administrative Contact Griglin offered to handle the Letter of Recommendation
- Suggestion to include in the project the Fall Gala video recording and/or pictures
- Showcasing "Blessings in a Backpack" – Youth Council's community impact and pride

Committee Ziegler volunteered to lead the Video Competition project and draft the 150-word summary.

Consensus agreed, without objection, to naming Committee Member Ziegler as the head of the Florida League of Cities Municipal Video Competition.

Discussion held regarding collective ideas and selection of the storyboard, video material, and written summary. Youth Council to discuss and bring together the components at the September 27, 2019 meeting.

Administrative Contact Griglin clarified the theme listed in the FLC handout, “My City: I’m Part of it, I’m Proud of it.” She reiterated that once the Members bring their thoughts and ideas together, then the storyboard would be created from that material.

Social Media Engagement Updates

Chair Benitez stated that this topic was placed on the Agenda at the request of the Communications Director.

Communications Director Mitchinson stated that he had two social media initiatives to present to the Youth Council for consideration. The purpose would be to increase engagement on the social media platforms as follows:

- Youth Recognition Program – highlighting youth for going above and beyond
- Youth Council Member Highlight Program – survey with personalized questions for Members to complete and provide more insight of themselves beyond their Youth Council involvement and accomplishments, along with a headshot picture

Chair Benitez agreed and shared her feedback on the suggested programs, focusing on highlighting the community youth and individual Members.

Committee Member Russell inquired about who would be making the recommendations.

Communications Director Mitchinson responded that the recommendations could come from the Youth Council.

Discussion held regarding:

- Recognition of teachers and other individuals of the society influential to the youth
- Nominations from Youth Council, students, teachers, advisors, and school officials
- Comparison and mimicking the City’s “Do the Right Thing” Program
- Method of recognition on a weekly or monthly basis
- Publishing on City Webpage, Facebook, and other social medias
- “Do the Right Thing Youth” suggested program title
- Purpose to highlight extraordinary individuals within the community
- Creating program infrastructure for the Youth Council’s review and decision
- Bi-weekly or monthly recognitions; depending on the amount of submissions
- Developing program with questionnaire and determining criteria
- Continue research and bring proposed plan for discussion at the next meeting

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No Speakers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None.

BUSINESS

Bus Stop Movement Continued Discussion

Chair Benitez introduced the speaker, Elmer Tabor, Jr., Rotary Club Director, who was present to provide an update regarding the Bus Stop Benches Pilot Program.

Mr. Tabor thanked the Youth Council for the honor of attending the meeting. He discussed the background history of the pilot program as follows:

- Various branches involved in developing the program
- School Choice and School Choice Busing
- Lack of sidewalks and lighting near schools
- Number of bus stops in Cape Coral: 675 semi-permanent; 1600 total bus stops
- Safe zones created and being tested in the 3-month observation period
- Focusing on parent and student education – requires more emphasis
- Each bench approximately costs \$2,000, includes slab, bench, manpower, etc.
- Bench specifics: concrete slab; secured; durable; and off main highways
- Applicable Federal, State, District, and City Code of Ordinance laws and regulations
- Picnic tables not adhering to the laws and regulations—it was a good Samaritan act
- Planning took several meetings to iron out the logistics and observation period
- Complications and difficulties with the picnic tables
- Partnership between Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club in the pilot program
- Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs spent about \$360 for each lifetime warranty bench
- \$90,000 Concrete slabs donated by an anonymous fellow Rotarian
- City's agreed to handle the site preparation and upkeep
- City and District worked together to identify the locations
- Great effort between the service organizations, District offices, and City
- City conducting studies on the benches to see if they are being utilized
- District increased educational programs: bus and walking to/from school safety
- Cape Coral youth related injuries statistics in the past 10 years
- \$2.1 billion project to install sidewalks in Cape Coral
- Youth safety is the responsibility of everyone including parents and community
- Survey studies through December 15, 2019 and then stakeholders will reconvene

Member Roh arrived at 3:48 p.m.

Mr. Tabor continued discussing the following:

- Manufacturers donated lights; testing of temporary lights in the darkest location
- Installment challenges and lighting expenses – solar lighting being tested
- City agreed to maintain the 200 pilot program benches
- Future plans to install benches at the other bus stops pending study analysis
- Bus stop benches educational awareness and Resident's involvement

Chair Benitez inquired about how the City agreed to handle the issue with the homeowners that have objected to the bench placement near their property.

Mr. Tabor responded that per City Ordinance, the 15-foot easement would allow the City to install the benches.

Discussion held regarding:

- Cost breakdown for bench and installation – just over \$2,000 for each
- Donation opportunity of \$350-cost of the bench; donor's name would be placed on a 3x9 inches plaque and placed on the donated bench
- Local businesses and anonymous donations – raised a little under \$50,000
- Youth Council plan to upkeep the benches – pending bus stop bench map

Mr. Tabor suggested that the Youth Council survey what their fellow students thought about the pilot program, including observations from/to school, and what the youth are discussing about the benches. He requested the results by December 15, 2019.

Discussion held regarding the questions to include in the survey. Mr. Tabor offered to provide the questionnaire for the Youth Council to share among their peers and schools.

Chair Benitez suggested the sharing of the questionnaire on the Youth Council social medias and individual school's media platforms.

Mr. Tabor cautioned that the survey be specific to the Bus Stop Benches Pilot Program.

Discussion held regarding:

- Usage of the same questions developed by the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, District, etc.
- Rotary Club would be making personal contact with neighbors
- Sharing questionnaire within the School District bus roster and bus drivers
- Bus stop routes - pending map would be distributed among the Youth Council
- Survey vesting process; 200 benches would be surveyed
- Multiple feedback from neighbors, students, bus drivers; Kiwanis; Rotary; District
- Data would be analyzed carefully; recommendation to cross-reference results
- Assigning a Member to head the topic and develop the plan of communications

Member Ico offered to spearhead the Bus Stop Movement as she introduced the topic.

Consensus agreed, without objection, to appoint Member Ico as the head of the Bus Stop Movement topic—she would be the leader of the Bus Stop Movement.

Chair Benitez summarized that the Youth Council's focus would be on the questionnaire, implementation, policing and cleanup of the benches, and educational program.

Mr. Tabor welcomed the Youth Council ideas and recommendations on the pilot program.

Senior Project Continued Discussion – Youth Council Fall Gala

Chair Benitez provided the following update on the Youth Council Fall Gala:

- Scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Hall
- 31 tickets sold in total as of today's meeting, included 3-Youth Council Members
- Youth Council Members attending the event need to purchase tickets online
- Service fees of \$2.98 for student ticket due to usage of online payment link
- Preferable method for ticket purchases
- Administrative Contact Griglin would have the master ticket list available
- Tickets sale only opened until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019
- Members' reports of event sharing at schools and possible number of attendees
- Posting of the event on personal social medias
- Setup and cleanup volunteers; accepting \$5.00 donation for dinner
- Inviting parents to attend; interaction between youth and adults of the community
- Final social media push to increase attendance; promote \$5.00 contribution toward Blessings in a Backpack

Show of hands: Eight Members (Bradish, Benitez, Dougherty, German, Gorbanovski, Roh, Russell, and Ziegler) and Communications Director Mitchinson agreed to appear for the setup between 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Discussion held regarding the number of volunteers recruited by each Member.

Administrative Contact Griglin announced that the volunteer letters would be provided after the event.

Show of hands: Approximately Eight Members agreed to assist with the cleanup after the event.

Discussion held regarding:

- Two servers needed between 7:00-9:00 p.m. to assist the caterer
- Four greeters; three photographer volunteers; and cleanup volunteers

Council Liaison Williams reminded the Youth Council that this would be a good opportunity to obtain community service hours for volunteering at the event.

Discussion held regarding the Florida teen driving curfew.

Chair Benitez announced that there were 12 individuals signed up to setup and cleanup.

Show of hands: Nine Members agreed to attend the Fall Gala (Benitez, Bradish, Cranford, Dougherty, Gorbanovski, Logan, Roh, Russell, and Ziegler).

Discussion held regarding:

- Unavailability of the prior National Anthem singer
- Member Roh would inquire about her friend; Member Cranford volunteered to sing
- Program layout; recognition of Mayor and Councilmembers in the initial 15 minutes
- Bar logistics being handled by Advisor Mazurkiewicz—he donated the bar
- Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce volunteered two “celebrity bartenders”
- Color Guard and string quartet confirmed to arrive at 5:00 p.m.
- Program outline – Chair and Members Speeches
- Topics: City Officials, Advisors, Sponsors Recognition; Youth Council Debut; Bus Stop Movement, Adopt-A-Road Cleanup, and FLC Conference and Competition

Members Ico, Dougherty, Bradish, Dougherty, Orozco, and Communications Director Mitchinson left at 4:43 p.m.

***Due to the absence of a quorum,
the Youth Council continued to meet as a Committee of the Whole***

Discussion held regarding assignment of topics to present at the Fall Gala:

- Members Russell and Ziegler focusing on FLC Conference
- Members Cranford and Logan focusing on Adopt-A-Road Program
- Chair Benitez focusing on “Blessings in a Backpack”
- Covering statewide, community, and non-profit support participation
- Highlighting the Youth Council and purpose would be covered in Chair’s speech

Vice Chair Gorbanovski left at 4:49 p.m.

Discussion held regarding:

- Incorporation of the Youth Council’s leadership role
- Pairing of Members to cover a specific topic

Youth Council School Tours Discussion – (Postponed to the next meeting Agenda)

**Youth Council Adopt-A-Road Schedule – Administrative Contact Griglin
(Postponed to the next meeting Agenda)**

Member Roh informed that the SAT testing was scheduled for the same date as the October 5, 2019 Adopt-A-Road cleanup. She informed that the Communications Director and herself would not be able to attend the cleanup the first week of October.

Administrative Contact Griglin informed that she would confirm the Members availability for the October 5, 2019 Adopt-A-Road cleanup and provide an update at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Advisor Mazurkiewicz suggested that the next meeting Agenda topics be left to the call of the Chair, without objections, and that Reports be waived, and meeting adjourned as there was no longer a quorum present at the meeting.

REPORTS

None.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

None.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. without objection.

Submitted by,

Betty Castillo
Recording Secretary

Item Number:	6.B.
Meeting Date:	9/27/2019
Item Type:	ADVISOR PRESENTATION

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade - Administrative Contact Griglin

REQUESTED ACTION:

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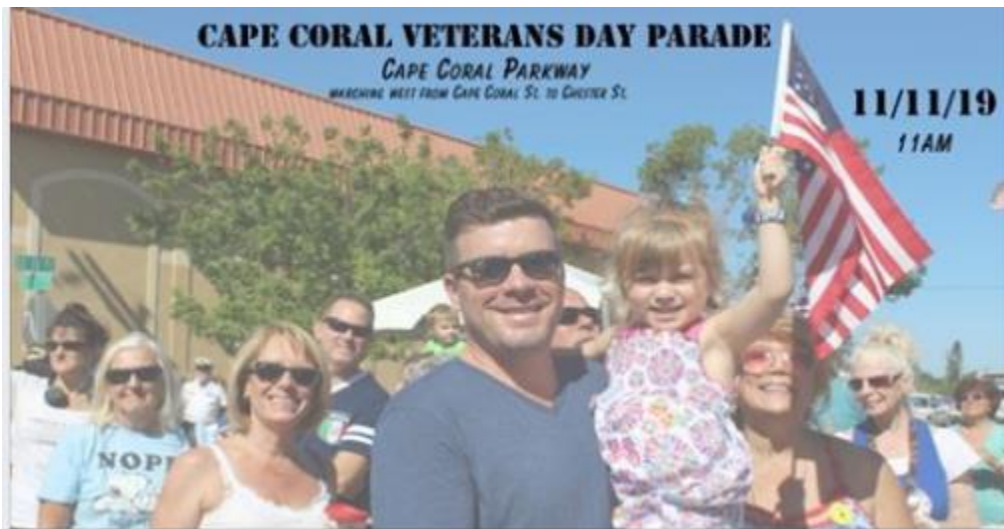
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SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade Flyer	Backup Material



Details:

Join us as the community honors our American Heroes and pays tribute to those who lost their lives, those who served honorably and those who are still proudly serving our country. The Veteran's Day Celebration is a cooperative effort of the City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation and local community volunteers.

This year's parade will be on Cape Coral Parkway beginning at 11:00am. Parade route is westbound from Cape Coral Street to Chester Street. This year's Grand Marshal is Anthony Stout, a Veteran who served our country for 27 years!

This year Jay Ganzi, managing owner of the new Cape Coral Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram car dealership has graciously offered to allow us to use his vehicles and a driver (which will be provided) for the parade that members could ride in.

If you are interested in participating in the parade I would need to know by **October 25**, so that I can make arrangements. Another great opportunity to show unity among your peers and all the citizens of Cape Coral, while promoting our organization.