



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

October 8, 2021

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 Spoor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

A. Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Michel,
Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, Skweir, Spoor, Young, and Zajdowicz

4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2021

B. Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2021

6. RECOGNITIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

7. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

8. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

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

9. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

10. BUSINESS

- A. 2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion
- B. Annual Project Continued Discussion - Spring Gala
- C. Junior Project Continued Discussion
- D. Senior Project Continued Discussion
- E. The Love Locks Project Continued Discussion

11. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

12. REPORTS

13. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

- A. Upcoming Community Event

14. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Friday, October 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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Item Number:	3.A.
Meeting Date:	10/8/2021
Item Type:	ROLL CALL

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, Skweir, Spoor, Young, and Zajdowicz

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EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

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

Friday, September 10, 2021

Chair Spoor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Spoor

Roll Call: Bernau, Brucker, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, Spoor, Young, and Zajdowicz. Members Blackwell and Skweir were excused.

Also in attendance: Keith E. Long, Councilmember, District 6
Tom Hayden, Council Liaison
Michael Ilczyszyn, Assistant Public Works Director
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Connie Griglin, Youth Council Administrative Contact
Ashley Arevalo, Senior Recreation Specialist

CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Osinski moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bernau, to adopt the Agenda for the September 10, 2021 meeting, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Brucker, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, Spoor, Young, and Zajdowicz voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 11-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2021

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Young, to approve the August 27, 2021 Youth Council meeting minutes, as presented. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

RECOGNITION/ACHIEVEMENTS

None.

ADVISOR PRESENTATION

Council Liaison Hayden introduced Councilmember Keith Long, District 6, to the Youth Council.

Councilmember Long greeted the Youth Council and thanked them for their involvement.

Chair Spoor congratulated Councilmember Long on his recent appointment on behalf of the Youth Council.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No Speakers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Chair Spoor reviewed the following information with Youth Council Members regarding their upcoming Quarterly Report Presentation (October 6, 2021):

- The deadline to submit presentations for approval is September 29, 2021
- Segments are to be sent to Member Reamer and Administrative Contact Griglin
- Junior Project Presentation Responsibility – Member Osinski
- Senior Project Presentation Responsibility – Chair Spoor
- Annual Project – Spring Gala Presentation Responsibility – Member Zajdowicz
- The Love Locks Project Presentation Responsibility – Member Reamer

BUSINESS

NW Cape Neighborhood Association Boardwalk Discussion

Chair Spoor shared that the Youth Council previously voted (March 26, 2021) in support of a partnership with the Northwest Cape Coral Neighborhood Association for the proposed conceptual idea of the NWNA Boardwalk connecting Cape Coral City Park Crystal Lake to the waterway (Charlotte Harbor).

John Bashaw, President of Northwest Cape Neighborhood Association explained the concept of the NWNA Boardwalk. He discussed the following slides:

- Northwest Cape Coral Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- Trading House Trail
- Crystal Lake Park
- Map - Topographical View of Crystal Lake Park (2 slides)
- Aerial Map of proposed location of the NWNA Boardwalk
- Rotary Park - Example of Walkway (3 slides)
- Drone Footage showing overview of the proposed location
- Proposed Pathway of the NWNA Boardwalk
- North Spreader Aerial Map (displayed on easel)

Mr. Bashaw explained that the origin of this concept came from J. Douglas Kidd who was in attendance. At the meeting, he further discussed the NWNA fostering a partnership

with Staff. He explained that Assistant Public Works Director Ilczyszyn was part of the process and was leading the Staff-based initiative.

Assistant Public Works Director Ilczyszyn discussed the following slides:

- Crystal Lake Park site plan
- Proposed Easement Across Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park – Creating a Linkage Between Crystal Lake Park and City of Cape Coral Shoreline at Charlotte Harbor ADA-Compliant Walkway Trail, Boardwalk & Shoreline Observation Terminal Point

Mr. Bashaw informed the Youth Council that there are factors that are being considered before a request is made for their support to present to City Council in an effort to secure funding for the Boardwalk project. He discussed establishing a communication strategy to assist with promoting the Nwana Boardwalk Project.

Chair Spoor thanked all of the presenters on behalf of the Youth Council.

2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor reviewed the three questions the video was supposed to answer.

Chair Spoor discussed her intention of narrowing down the overall subtopics in order to better divide responsibilities. Mental health is the subject selected by the Youth Council to address in the video. She queried if Members had any ideas to further elaborate on related concerns within the Community.

Member McMillan suggested the subtopic: Accessibility to Mental Health Resources.

Chair Spoor reminded Members that the due date of the video is October 26, 2021 and encouraged Members to brainstorm and to share their individual responses to the proposed video questions.

Discussion held regarding:

- Video Formatting & Structure
- Focusing on a specific matter and/or topic related to the Local Government or Local Community
- Valerie's House
- Student surveys

Chair Spoor queried how to facilitate the process of a widespread survey in the absence of the Communications Director.

Administrative Contact Griglin suggested to select a limited number of Members to focus on a particular question and specify what information is hoped to gain from the survey

question. She explained that surveys conducted, video clips, and other related tasks are at the discretion of the Youth Council and is their responsibility to complete. She suggested polling Members to establish any preference they may have regarding the questions.

Chair Spoor inquired if there were any Members specifically interested in answering and compiling statistics for Question 1: What is the most critical issue and why?

Member Young responded in the affirmative.

Member Brucker discussed the prospect of group answers versus individual answers to the outlined questions.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz discussed the following:

- Purview established with initial responses - Mental Health
- Discuss subject and define the issue
- Available and future resources
- Working together within the parameters of the outlined questions
- Recommended the Youth Council have question number three answered individually or take the question and split into two-parts: a group assembles what the City and Community is doing presently and then a separate individual would make a presentation regarding additional prospective recommendations by the Youth Council.

Chair Spoor inquired if there were any other Members interested in collaborating with Member Young on Question number one.

Members Brucker and Osinski volunteered (by a show of hands) to work collaboratively to explore Question 2 and the current available resources within the Community.

Chair Spoor, and Members McMillan, and McMonagle-Hall volunteered (by a show of hands) to individually work on compiling a list of responses to Question 2: How can young people be a part of the solution?

Advisor Mazurkiewicz clarified that Members making prospective recommendations or discussing future related topics would need to occur individually and would then need to be presented to the Youth Council as a whole.

Council Liaison Hayden discussed Crisis Intervention Training as a related instance of something currently occurring within the Community. He provided an example of how and/or when to differentiate a suggestion versus a recommendation in order to better identify when a Youth Council Member would need to work individually.

Members Brucker and Osinski volunteered (by a show of hands) to work collaboratively to explore Question two and the current available resources within the Community.

Chair Spoor queried if there were any Members interested in answering individually for Question 3: How can your Local Government and Community work together to resolve the issue? What recommendations can be presented to the City Council? How can the Local Government resolve this issue? How can the Youth Council work together to be a part of the solution?

Advisor Mazurkiewicz suggested that a story should be told to support the concepts that the data is driving.

Chair Spoor, Vice Chair Bernau, and Members Rodriguez and Young volunteered (by a show of hands) to complete independent responses regarding Question three as well as the additional related questions.

Annual Project Continued Discussion – Spring Gala

Chair Spoor reviewed the upcoming Spring Gala set for April 2, 2022 at the Lake Kennedy Center. She highlighted the theme “Intertwined” and discussed prospective ideas as follows:

- Connecting local partners and the Community to highlight different City features
- Prior Concepts
- Suggestion for an art exhibit at Cape Coral Art Center
- Performance by the Music and Dance Group at the Lake Kennedy Center
- Inviting Special Populations Members, and other various organizations to attend

Member Osinski suggested incorporating more youth attendees.

Chair Spoor concurred with Member Osinski’s sentiments and queried if there were specific Youth programs that Members recommended.

Member Rodriguez offered to contact the Choir program and Dance Team at his school to confirm interest in a performance at the Spring Gala.

Chair Spoor noted that Oasis High School’s Choir may be interested in performing.

Vice Chair Bernau opined that North Fort Myers High School’s Band or Choir would most likely be interested in performing. She additionally suggested The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Chair Spoor queried if Vice Chair Bernau could facilitate communication with the entities she mentioned.

Vice Chair Bernau responded in the affirmative.

Chair Spoor queried if Member Rodriguez could facilitate communication with the programs at his school that he had previously mentioned.

Member Rodriguez responded in the affirmative.

Chair Spoor inquired if there was any input regarding the aforementioned prospective ideas she presented.

Member Young discussed the diversity of the proposed invitees and expressed satisfaction with the current recommendations.

Chair Spoor suggested inviting Dr. Culliton of the Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center and Military Museum as well as The Gunterberg Charitable Foundation. She further suggested contacting Staff at Cultural Park Theater to invite them to the Spring Gala for an appearance and potential speaking engagement.

Administrative Contact Griglin discussed the conception of a flyer for the event. She explained once a flyer is created, it allows the opportunity to send them to local businesses to discuss the possibility of sponsorships. It could also be posted on social media outlets. She inquired if there was anyone willing to assist with flyer creation as the Communications Director position is vacant. She noted the due date would be no later than September 21, 2021.

Members McMillan and McMonagle-Hall expressed interest (by a show of hands) in creating a flyer for the Spring Gala.

Discussion held regarding:

- Invitees to Spring Gala
- Prospective Art Exhibit
- Opening Exhibit to School art clubs and students
- Focus on creating flyer
- Contacting youth-based programs
- Potential timeframe to host the Spring Gala
- Contacting the venue regarding time frame availability
- Design concepts for the creation of event flyers

Junior Project Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor reviewed the discussion held at the prior meeting regarding the proposed mural brought forth by Recreation Program Supervisor Gerhard. She noted that there were art submissions created by Members and sent to the Youth Council for review prior to the meeting. She reviewed prior concepts discussed:

- Cape Coral Wildlife and Scenery
- Local group representation
- Including “Intertwined” theme
- Community Relations

Member Osinski identified that it may be necessary for additional input from the Cape Coral Art Center Staff on possible design preferences.

Member Young discussed the potential mural design and expressed preference for it to be focused on the youth population.

Discussion held regarding:

- Size consideration of the proposed mural location
- Concepts or objects to include within the prospective mural
- Connecting other projects being carried out by the Cape Coral Art Center

Chair Spoor inquired if the Council should seek an individual to create a design concept for the proposed mural design.

Administrative Contact Griglin acknowledged the opportunity was present and advised that decision would be left up to the Youth Council. She further clarified that if a Member did want to undertake the task of creating a draft design for the mural it would need to be submitted to her no later than September 21, 2021.

Discussion held regarding the potential to commission local artists for the proposed mural.

Chair Spoor asked if Members could reach out within the Community to garner sketches of potential mural designs. She agreed to personally reach out to Supervisor Gerhard to obtain the dimensions of the wall and email the information Administrative Contact Griglin to send to the Youth Council.

Administrative Contact Griglin encouraged the idea of interested artists or individuals attending the next Youth Council Meeting.

Recording Secretary Sigler reminded that any material to be distributed in the meeting packet for the next Youth Council Meeting would need to be submitted by September 21, 2021.

Chair Spoor acknowledged the request.

Tribute for Former Councilmember Williams – Brought forward by Council Liaison Hayden

Chair Spoor reviewed the Youth Council’s discussion at the last Meeting regarding selection of a plaque to commemorate Former Councilmember Williams.

Administrative Contact Griglin provided a rough draft design concept to the Youth Council. She requested commentary or suggestions from the Youth Council.

Chair Spoor voiced her approval for the design, as presented.

Member Osinski suggested changing the verbiage from “In recognition for” to “In recognition of”.

Administrative Contact Griglin responded in the affirmative.

Discussion held regarding incorporating achievements on the plaque.

Chair Spoor suggested adding “dedicated service to the Youth Council and Community”.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Young, to approve proposed design and wording for the plaque, (as amended with modification of “In recognition for” to “In recognition of”) for Tribute to Former Councilmember Williams. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

Senior Project Continued Discussion - Special Populations

Chair Spoor shared that both she and Member Rodriguez attended a Special Populations Evening Social event. She detailed the projects that were shown to them and discussed by Staff. She proposed an idea of contacting Special Populations to inquire if they have interest in preparing appetizers or desserts for the Spring Gala.

The Love Locks Project Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor inquired if Member Reamer had an update or new information to share.

Member Reamer provided update and contact with Supervisor Gerhard. He indicated that Supervisor Gerhard expressed her support with their quest of finding an artist but specified that a detailed document would need to be created to ensure all the requests of the Youth Council are met.

Chair Spoor inquired if there was any objection to pursuing a heart-shaped sculpture.

Member Reamer encouraged Members to share their input regarding design such as: color, shape, etc.

Chair Spoor queried if there were specific dimensions provided by Staff.

Member Reamer stated that specified dimensions were not provide to him but estimated the size of the outlined location as approximately six feet by six feet.

Chair Spoor asked if any Members were interested in providing a detailed sketch including dimensions, base size, height, and how many keys can fit inside the box.

Member Reamer responded in the affirmative and agreed to have it prepared to display to the Youth Council at the next Meeting. He discussed the possibility of assistance with transportation of the mural as well as installation.

Communications Director Application Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor inquired if there had been any application submissions.

Administrative Contact Griglin informed the Youth Council that she was contacted by a prospective candidate who was referred by Vice Chair Bernau. The candidate has a dilemma that she requested Administrative Contact Griglin to review with the Youth Council before applying. The candidate is involved with a sport that limits her availability. The prospective candidate confirmed that her availability would begin November 1, 2021.

Vice Chair Bernau discussed the prospective Communications Director Candidate's attributes.

Member Young expressed support for the prospective individual to apply for the Communication's Director position.

Administrative Contact Griglin agreed to contact the prospective Communications Director Candidate to communicate the Youth Council's sentiments. She informed the Youth Council that she would forward the application for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Spoor opened the floor and inquired if there were any other Agenda topics to be considered for the next meeting agenda.

Member Young suggested to add all topics except 10(A), 10(C), and 10(E).

Member Zajdowicz moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bernau, to accept items 10.B, 10.C, 10.D, 10.F, 10.G, and 10.H, to be added to the next meeting agenda. (2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion, Annual Project Continued Discussion - Spring Gala, Junior Project Continued Discussion, Senior Project Continued Discussion, The Love Locks Project Continued Discussion, and Communications Director Application Continued Discussion, to be added to the September 24, 2021). Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

REPORTS

None.

REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Hayden informed Youth Council Members that the City was hosting a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at City Hall on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Shana Sigler
Recording Secretary

Item Number:	5.B.
Meeting Date:	10/8/2021
Item Type:	APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**AGENDA REQUEST
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Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2021

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
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Friday, September 24, 2021

Chair Spoor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Spoor

Roll Call: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor were present. Members McMonagle-Hall, Skweir, Young, and Zajdowicz were excused.

Also in attendance: Jessica Cosden, Alternate Council Liaison
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Connie Griglin, Youth Council Administrative Contact
Ashley Arevalo, Senior Recreation Specialist

CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Brucker, to adopt the Agenda for the September 24, 2021 meeting, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 9-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

RECOGNITION/ACHIEVEMENTS

None.

ADVISOR PRESENTATION

None.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No Speakers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Addendum: Quarterly Report Update Discussion

Member Rodriguez displayed the PowerPoint Presentation he created for the upcoming Quarterly Report Presentation (October 6, 2021) and discussed the following:

- Quarterly Report of the Cape Coral City Youth Council
- Recap
- Start of the 2021-2022 Year
- Items Discussed
- Junior Project
- Senior Project
- Annual Project
- FLC Video
- Love Locks
- Tribute to Councilmember Rick Williams
- Any Questions?

Discussion held regarding:

- Overall formatting
- Removing animations
- Increasing font size on slides using the one on Love Locks
- Using a whiter font shade

Member Osinski moved, seconded by Member McMillan, to approve the PowerPoint Presentation draft as amended with modifications of removing animations, increase font size, and white font.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS

2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor inquired if any Members wanted to review the information that was gathered and included in the backup.

Member Osinski discussed the table diagram she created with Member Brucker. She clarified that they worked on answering the questions "what is being done". She further discussed the following:

- Valerie's House
- Salus Care Institute
- Counseling Services of Lee County School District

- Most projects seemed to be focused on higher risk group and adults
- What we could add to our City

Administrative Contact Griglin stated part of the competition itself will be the video that we will put together based on the Youth Council's findings. She recalled that Member Rodriguez offered to put together the clips into a YouTube video. In addition, there is a 150-word summary that is part of the competition. She suggested one person take that task.

Member McMillan volunteered to help.

Chair Spoor asked for a show of hands who wanted to be in the video and part of the recording process.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz explained that a vote had already been taken on entering the competition, the questions, and who was going to participate. A discussion needs to be held regarding the summary of all the review of the data on services available. Then all the clips need to be sent to the Member who will put them all together. Take the existing services and see how you can tweak them to meet the needs that each individual identifies within the community.

Alternate Council Liaison Cosden suggested the following organizations to be added to the list:

- Children's Advocacy Center in Fort Myers
- PACE Center for Girls in Fort Myers

Chair Spoor opined that the Council did a pretty good job of splitting up all of the information that we needed in our video at the last meeting. She suggested keeping that same division of work and delegating of material to create 30 second videos from each of us about what we were assigned to submit as our information for this meeting. Those who were able to collaborate on current resources could split that up.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz mentioned that if you vote to accept this material today, you can now work together to present it in a format; a vote in the future about specificity will not be needed.

Member Rodriguez moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bernau, to approve all of the information that was submitted to be included in our video.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz asked if the motion should be amended to include the two additional resources presented today by Alternate Council Liaison Cosden.

Motion maker and second agreed, to amend their motion.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 9-0.

Annual Project Continued Discussion – Spring Gala

Chair Spoor stated at the last meeting we discussed possible times for the event. She understood that Member Zajdowicz was reaching out to the Lake Kennedy Center for their availability, and we are currently awaiting an update. Without her presence, this discussion could be postponed until the next meeting. She asked if anyone had any discussion.

Administrative Contact Griglin suggested approving one of the three flyers included in the meeting backup so that sponsors could be contacted. If there are any changes, we can contact Ms. McMonagle-Hall to do them.

Chair Spoor noted that the design with the tree could be named #1, the flowers as #2, and the pink with flowers could be #3 for voting purposes.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz provided his recommendations about the flyer:

- Theme language: “*Night of the Community Together Intertwined*” is only included in #1, needs to be added on #2 and #3
- Confirm using the theme in a vote

Discussion held regarding:

- Distribution of flyer digitally
- Budgetary concerns

Youth Council tallied as follows for their choice of flyer:

Bernau: #2

Blackwell: #1

Brucker: #1

McMillan: #3

Michel: \$2

Osinski: #3

Reamer: #3

Rodriguez: #1

Spoor: #1

Tally favored #1.

Member Rodriguez moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bernau, to approve flyer #1 as our advertised flyer for the Spring Gala.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski,

Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 9-0.

Chair Spoor stated when Member Zajdowicz is present at the next meeting, there will be more discussion about the Spring Gala.

Junior Project Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor stated it was brought to her attention that there was never an official vote on adopting the mural for the Cape Coral Arts Center as the Junior Project.

Member Rodriguez moved, seconded by Member Osinski, to adopt the mural for the Cape Coral Arts Center as a Junior Project.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Blackwell, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 9-0.

Member Blackwell left the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Chair Spoor mentioned that after meeting with Supervisor Gerhard of the Cape Coral Arts Center, she stated that she wanted to use the wall in question as a space for three separate concepts instead of one large concept due to its awkward nature of the space. It will be split up in three 9x10 spaces. The images of the wall are in the backup material.

Discussion was held regarding the displayed pictures in the backup.

Chair Spoor noted the deadline date for submission and reviewed the additional information required.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Brucker, to approve this flyer for our open call for artists.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Spoor stated with this approval it can now be sent through social media and schools to reach out to the youth.

Senior Project Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor stated at the last few meetings we have done brainstorming with our efforts to involve Special Populations in our plans for the year. She mentioned that she attended an evening social just recently and was able to bring up the idea of inviting members to our Spring Gala. One of the Staff was very receptive. She stated she would reach out to them once there is more information.

The Love Locks Project Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor stated at the last meeting we continued discussion on ideas for design and size. It was suggested that we have a scale drawing with dimensions and measurements to get a blueprint of our sculpture. She understood that Member Reamer submitted a scale design, as well as the information on the goals, specifications, and construction and implementation.

Member Reamer explained what was being sent to Supervisor Gerhard to update them on what the Youth Council was doing to raise awareness to artists.

Chair Spoor asked if the dimensions were approved by Staff.

Member Reamer responded in the affirmative.

The video of the 3-D model was displayed.

Member Reamer went over the specifications:

- Six feet in height
- Five feet in length
- Width of one foot
- Two hearts are about six inches in width
- Base size: five feet in length, height one foot, width one foot
- Box that will hold the keys: two feet high, one foot in length, and one foot in width

Chair Spoor asked for discussion on the design.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Reamer, to adopt this design as proposed for the Love Locks Project.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Spoor asked Member Reamer to keep them updated on information from Supervisor Gerhard.

Communications Director Application Continued Discussion

Chair Spoor asked the applicant present to introduce herself at the podium.

Jainley Garcia, applicant for Communications Director, appeared at the podium and discussed her background.

Youth Council tallied as follows for their choice of Communications Director:

Bernau: Norris

Brucker: Garcia

McMillan: Garcia

Michel: Garcia

Osinski: Garcia

Reamer: Garcia

Rodriguez: Garcia

Spoor: Garcia

Tally favored Garcia.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Reamer, to appoint Ms. Garcia as the new Communications Director.

Council polled as follows: Bernau, Brucker, McMillan, Michel, Osinski, Reamer, Rodriguez, and Spoor voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Spoor congratulated Ms. Garcia as the Communications Director. The events can now be advertised from the approved flyers.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz reminded the Council that anyone who designed a flyer can work with Ms. Garcia for any tweaks.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Spoor stated items 10A through 10E should be on the next meeting agenda. She inquired if there were any other Agenda topics to be considered for the next meeting agenda.

Member McMillan moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bernau, to add items 10A through 10E on the next meeting agenda:

- ***2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion,***
- ***Annual Project Continued Discussion - Spring Gala,***
- ***Junior Project Continued Discussion,***
- ***Senior Project Continued Discussion,***
- ***The Love Locks Project Continued Discussion***

Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

REPORTS

None.

REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

None.

ADDENDUM: UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Administrative Contact Griglin stated as part of the meeting backup there were two events coming up that we have been invited to:

- Scarecrow Invasion
- 2021 Cape Coral Veterans Day Parade

Ms. Griglin asked if the Youth Council was interested in participating in the Scarecrow Invasion.

Member McMillan was interested.

Chair Spoor asked if this should be added to our next meeting agenda.

Administrative Contact Griglin responded in the affirmative.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to participate in the Scarecrow Invasion, without objection, to be added to the next meeting agenda. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Chair Spoor stated that would be item 10F.

Administrative Contact Griglin discussed the Veterans Day Parade. The Youth Council has always participated in this event since she has been Administrative Contact for the Youth Council. She explained the location of the parade.

Vice Chair Bernau moved, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Administrative Contact Griglin stated she would inform the event planner of the Youth Council's participation.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated there would need to be coordination of how many people will ride in cars.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Shana Dixon
Recording Secretary

Transcribed by Barbara Kerr 10/5/21

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Item Number:	10.A.
Meeting Date:	10/8/2021
Item Type:	BUSINESS

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

2021 FLC Youth Council Video Competition Continued Discussion

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.
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Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ 1. Valerie's House Flyer #1	Backup Material
▣ 2. Valerie's House Flyer #2 (Fold)	Backup Material

Valerie's House

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN



Mission

Valerie's House is the first and only organization in Southwest Florida with the sole mission of helping children grieve. Valerie's House is named for Founder and CEO Angela Melvin's mother, Valerie Melvin, who died in an automobile accident when Angela was 10.

About Us

Valerie's House currently runs nightly grief support groups for children and their grieving caregivers out of three locations. Valerie's House operates out of a cozy, historic home near downtown Fort Myers and a second home in Naples near Waterside Shops. Valerie's House also utilizes a meeting space at 1st United Methodist Church in Punta Gorda. Families meet at Valerie's House on weeknights. After some free playtime and a potluck meal, children break up into peer support groups separated by age.

“ Since coming to Valerie's House,
I don't worry as much
and feel hopeful for my future.

– Sydney, 9-Years-Old

Programs for Families

At Valerie's House, children know others their own age and learn loss doesn't have to limit their dreams. Valerie's House provides a family atmosphere made up of dedicated staff members and volunteers who are also grieving. Many have walked this journey and are here to help you and your children see there is hope. All of our resources are directed toward providing children and their families a safe place to share, grieve, and grow.

Grief support services are also available in Spanish. Please contact Frances Bustamante for more information at 818-284-1541.



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OUR VISION IS THAT NO CHILD WILL GRIEVE ALONE.

The mission of Valerie's House is to help children and families work through the loss of a loved one together and go on to live fulfilling lives.

Valerie's House Tips

TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS GRIEVING



WHAT TO DO:

- Listen without interrupting, interpreting, evaluating or offering advice.
- Acknowledge the person who died, bring them up, ask about memories.
- Validate their words by repeating what you hear them say.
“ I hear that you are very sad today. I’m here for you.”
- Encourage them to allow themselves to grieve.
- Remind them to take care of themselves (go for a walk, eat, exercise, sleep, etc.)
- Encourage them to remember their loved one by writing, drawing or just talking.
- Allow them to take a minute to step out of the room, get some air or put their head down.
- Reassure them that their emotions are normal and that all grief is unique.

DO NOT:

- Expect the person to jump right back into activities.
- Suggest that someone has grieved long enough or needs to move on.
- Take their anger or other feelings personally. They are just trying to figure out how to react and adjust to the death.

DO SAY THINGS LIKE:

“ *I will support you in any way I can.*

I have been thinking of you.

If you ever want to talk about your special person, I am here to listen. ”

DO NOT SAY THINGS LIKE:

“ *It could be worse...*

At least...

They are in a better place. ”

To learn more, get involved and support our mission, visit us online or call 239-204-5804

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**OUR CARING STAFF IS HERE TO ANSWER
YOUR QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT YOU.**

FACES of INSPIRATION

Valerie's House Kids...



"Some of my closest friends are those who I've met at Valerie's House."

Haven, 15
Mom Died



"We're like a family here."

**Noah, 11
& Houston, 13**
Dad Died



"I look forward to group nights at Valerie's House. It's where I can share my true feelings."

Taylor, 17
Mom Died



"At Valerie's House, we can always be ourselves."

**Freya, 15
Sam, 15**
Sibling Died

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Please accept my donation for Valerie's House in honor of _____

☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Make my gift a recurring gift

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Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Payment Information:

☐ My check is enclosed (Make payable to Valerie's House Inc.)

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Signature _____

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HOPE and COURAGE

Valerie's House Kids...



"I'm happy at Valerie's House. It's a special place."

Deja, 9
Grandmother died



"It's not sad here, there is a lot of hope."

Abel, 9
Mom Died



"I felt alone until I came to Valerie's House."

Katie, 12
Mom Died



"Losing someone we love is really hard. Our friends here understand us."

**Izzy, 17
JJ, 18**
Mom Died

The Story of Valerie's House

Valerie's House is named after Valerie Melvin, a nurse and mother of two, who was killed in a car accident in Fort Myers in 1987. Angela Melvin, Valerie's oldest daughter, was inspired to bring this mission to grieving children and families in Southwest Florida.



Can We Help Your Family?

If you've experienced a death in your family, or know someone who has, reach out to us to become part of our community.

Valerie's House families can enter into the program, one day, one year, or even up to 10 years after their loss. Children can keep coming as long as they want and all services are offered at no cost to families. If your child could benefit from our program, please contact us today. Our caring staff is here to answer your questions and support you.

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Valerie's House is Here to Help!

What Happens at Valerie's House?

Valerie's House is the only organization in Southwest Florida that is solely dedicated to helping children grieve. Valerie's House kids and their caregivers meet weeknights twice a month from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. After some playtime and a potluck dinner, our children and parents break up into separate groups to work on their grief.



Teenagers meet and often spend time discussing their feelings and struggles, while sharing how they are coping with school and life after their loss.



Valerie's House Programs

Valerie's House support programs are designed to give children ages 4-19 years old and their families a safe place to share, grieve and grow. Valerie's House relies on the use of art and music and other creative activities to help our youth identify, express and process their grief.



Children spend time unwinding and playing games before grief support groups begin.



Children post pictures of their lost loved ones so they can share memories with each other.



Children paint their masks with colors representing their different emotions to communicate their grief.

Our programs are provided free of charge, thanks to generous donations, grants, and volunteer support.

MAKE AN IMPACT ON A GRIEVING CHILD BY GETTING INVOLVED

Volunteer

Volunteer your time by being a special friend and mentor to a Valerie's House child who is grieving. Opportunities include volunteering as a "buddy" in one of our bi-monthly grief support groups, or mentoring a child by spending time with them one-on-one with special outings and other opportunities. Your business and/or club can volunteer as a team.

Join a Committee

Help Valerie's House be here for years to come by sitting on one of our various committees to help fundraise and spread awareness.

Host an Open House or Private Party

Host a meet and greet and invite others to meet the Valerie's House Founder and learn more about the mission to help Southwest Florida's grieving families. Options include hosting an open house at the Valerie's House 'home away from home', or hosting a meet and greet at another location convenient for your friends.

Help out with our Wish List

Valerie's House has a running wish list including grief support books, arts materials for our groups, and other items for the house. Help us save funds for the families by purchasing some items from our Amazon Wish List at: www.valereshouseswfl.org/wish-list.com

Donate

Help make an impact on a child by making a financial gift to help our growing program. Take a look at our annual initiatives for more details on the upcoming and most important needs of our families.

Item Number:	13.A.
Meeting Date:	10/8/2021
Item Type:	REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

**AGENDA
REQUEST FORM**
CITY OF CAPE
CORAL



TITLE:

Upcoming Community Event

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

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PREPARED BY:

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SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

1. Holiday Festival of Lights

Type

Backup Material



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FESTIVAL
in Southwest Florida!**

**Saturday, December 4th, 2021
4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**



**Pictures With Santa Clause
Tree Lighting
Train Ride
A Real Snow Slide
Bounce Houses
Rock Climbing Wall
Stages with Community Performances
Food Vendors
and Much More!**