



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.  
Cape Coral, FL

## **AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

September 22, 2017

2:45 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 Slafer

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Chair Slafer

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

A. MEMBERS BAXTER, BERNAU, BEVAN, CERRETANI,  
DUNKLE, HARE, MOLFINO, REID, SAUNDERS, SHAWVER,  
SLAFER, TROCHE, WILSON

#### **4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting - July 28, 2017  
B. Regular Meeting - August 11, 2017

#### **6. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

#### **7. CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

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

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

## **9. BUSINESS**

- A. Youth Council Day debriefing - Council Liaison Williams
- B. Update on Blessings in a Backpack Special Event - Chair Slafer
- C. Homeless/Children's Hunger discussion - Member Cerretani
- D. Continuation of the Teen Choice Awards discussion - Member Dunkle

## **10. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS**

## **11. REPORTS**

## **12. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS**

## **13. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A. A meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council is Scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers

## **14. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

### **GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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<b>Item Number:</b>	<b>5.A.</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>9/22/2017</b>
<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>

**AGENDA REQUEST  
FORM**  
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



**TITLE:**

Regular Meeting - July 28, 2017

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:**

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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:**

Division- Department-

**SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

☐ Regular Meeting - July 28, 2017

**Type**

Backup Material

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

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

Chair Slafer called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chair Slafer, Members Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Troche, and Wilson were present. Members Bernau and Hare were excused.

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Williams  
Jodie Costello, Senior Recreation Specialist  
Cole DeLong, Communications Director

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/AMENDED AGENDA**

***Member Baxter moved, seconded by Member Reid to adopt the agenda, as presented. Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Member Baxter moved, seconded by Member Troche to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2017 as presented. Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.***

**ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS**

Council Liaison Williams introduced former Councilmember Derrick Donnell who was part of the formation of the Youth Council. He reviewed lack of attendance at the Youth Citizen's Academy and requested that the Youth Council contact him or Council Assistant Perry via email if they intend to participate on the future dates. He mentioned the Youth Council member shirts are on order. He reviewed the itinerary for the Youth Council Day in Orlando. Everyone agreed they are still going on the trip. He stated staff was coming in to present some background information on the marijuana topic.

Discussion held regarding the attendance conflicts for the Youth Citizen's Academy.

**CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

Tuan Tran discussed the topic of hunger, specifically the child hunger issue in our community and the United States. He discussed a program called Blessings in a Backpack, and asked the members if they would like to help out to host and assist a

movie night to benefit that program.

Carl Veaux thanked the Youth Council for voting on the golf course property to keep it as parks and recreation. He mentioned that he sent an email to the City Manager to request the County use 20/20 money to keep the old golf course property as park land. He requested the Youth Council look at the Paris Global Warming Accords and take it to City Council.

Derrick Donnell stated Councilmember Williams was the one who got the vision to start the Youth Council. He told the Youth Council that they were very important with what they are trying to do in the City. He encouraged the Youth Council to get the youth involved and keep them here in Cape Coral.

Chair Slafer discussed working with Mr. Tran on the Blessings in a Backpack program. He stated this would be an important event in the community and will send the members an email to help out. He encouraged members to invite their fellow classmates to attend the movie night.

Vice Chair Wilson asked if Julie Ferguson from Cape Caring Center can come to the next meeting.

Council Liaison Williams responded they could try and reach out to her.

Discussion held regarding having a movie night at Four Freedoms.

Council Liaison Williams stated this could be on the next meeting agenda, he would arrange someone from Parks and Recreation to attend.

Chair Slafer stated he was encouraged by the vote taken by the Youth Council regarding the old golf course and hoped that City Council will follow. He commented on the issue about the Paris Climate Accord.

Member Saunders addressed the idea about the movie night, she stated she would help; he can go to some other groups to spread the word. She noted that she has been researching things for the youth to do.

Member Baxter mentioned she has looked into the Paris Accord and stated this was a good idea to bring into our City. She discussed the need for activities for the youth as this was one of her platforms when she interviewed for the Youth Council.

Member Reid asked if we could go outside of the City for sponsors.

Council Liaison Williams responded they could go out of the City but they like to keep it in the Cape. He said to leave this until the next meeting for further discussion on this.

Member Shawver asked for the name of the person sponsoring Blessings in a Backpack.

Chair Slafer stated he would include that in his email.

Member Cerretani addressed Mr. Tran's suggestion of movie night for hunger as this is a topic that she is very passionate about.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Medical Marijuana Dispensaries**

Chair Slafer explained why this was added to today's agenda.

Council Liaison Williams stated Chief of Police Newlan and DCD Director Cautero were present to address questions, as well as other staff they brought.

Vince Cautero, Director of the Department of Community Development, discussed general parameters of the State Statute. The State has set up some time and criteria of which the City Council has been advised. One criteria is to put a temporary moratorium but Council has not approved that. Staff will be speaking to Council soon. He explained two options that they had. You can deny or allow it with conditions. If you deny it, the public would need to be informed. Special requirements could be added. The Department of Health has a website for more information. He will send to Council Liaison Williams who will forward it to the Youth Council members. He explained new literature which points to pharmacies and medical clinics. He explained which form this could be dispensed, not in the traditional cannabis.

Dave Newlan, Chief of Police, discussed the Statute (F.S. number 381.986) written by the Department of Health which outlines the guidelines for medical marijuana. He explained the procedure for being registered and what dosage and different forms that can be administered. The closest dispensary right now is in Tampa. He noted how this was approved by the State but still was not Federally approved.

Chair Slafer asked how many dispensaries would be needed in the City.

Chief of Police Newlan stated he asked that specific question at a recent conference. You cannot limit the number of dispensaries that can be built in your city. There is no straight answer for this at this time. The Statute defines permanent and seasonal residents. You have to be a Florida resident to qualify but, also seasonal residents can qualify too.

Discussion held regarding:

- Who would build these dispensaries?
- Can you get high off this type of marijuana?

- What is the THC level?
- Impairment/time frame.
- Affects for the Citizens of the City of Cape Coral and Lee County.

Chief Newlan stated they would be bringing this back to Council at a workshop for more discussion.

Chair Slafer asked about the overdoses that were mentioned.

Chief Newlan stated it was legal in Colorado. One of the things they noticed when it was first approved was the dosage because items were not in single dose. There were no limitations and the way the packaging made it was not child proof, such as a bright package of gummy bears. There is a process that you go through which includes waiting 45 days to get a card.

Chair Slafer asked for clarification on the effects of an overdose of marijuana, versus opioid and any permanent damage.

Chief Newlan stated overdoses can be linked to traffic incidents and increase in crime.

Chair Slafer questioned how the Police Department was going to enforce this.

Chief Newlan stated they were working on having staff work on identifying members in the community who are registered. If someone is pulled over, a check will occur for proper packaging of marijuana and a card to identify .

Chair Slafer asked about the cost and whether or not insurance going to cover it?

Chief Newlan stated the registration was \$75, but he did not know the doctor's fee for that as well as what the cost would be at the dispensary.

Chair Slafer stated this did not change anything with illicit marijuana.

Discussion held regarding whether there would be an increase in crime if this passes in our City.

Chair Slafer asked if there was a potential to have a surge in dispensaries if surrounding cities did not allow it. Can you go from city to city to obtain it?

Chief Newlan stated if you have a card, and are a permanent resident, there should be no problem going to another city to obtain it.

Member Saunders questioned how people who cannot afford it could obtain some aid.

Chief Newlan stated he did not know how the insurance companies would cover this.

Chair Slafer asked how often they would need to get renewal of the card and how long is the longest period a prescription would be good for.

Chief Newlan stated he believed it was an annual renewal and there was a limitation of how much a patient can receive monthly.

Member Baxter asked if the fee would be different for doctors.

Chief Newlan stated he did not know, it would be up to the physician.

Discussion continued regarding:

- If the dispensaries would be strict from the beginning.
- Importance to have dispensaries established in the City, rather than going all the way to Tampa to get their medications.
- Waiting until City Council made their decision first before making a formal recommendation.
- When it does come before City Council, making a recommendation to be presented.
- The need for more statistics from states implementing it.
- Whether this be accessible to children.
- Medical marijuana a card would be required, even for minors.
- Counterfeiting of the medical marijuana cards.
- Edible forms and child safety packaging.
- Limitations on how people would store their medical marijuana, concerned about grandkids coming over to visit.
- Smoking medical marijuana is not allowed that is considered illegal.
- A solution was needed for opioid prescriptions given for people post-surgery.

### **Career Guidance Discussion (continued)**

Chair Slafer passed the gavel to Vice Chair Slafer since he would be making motions on this item.

Discussion held in reference to changes to be incorporated into the existing document titled Job Shadowing.

Chair Slafer recommended that the Youth Council only address the Job Shadowing Guidelines in the back up provided. He listed several amendments to the back-up Job Shadowing document to make it specific to the City of Cape Coral's use and allow the schools to determine how to incorporate the second document in the back-up. The recommended changes included on Page 3:

- Under what is job shadowing, on line 5, strike everything after individual within a department and add student's the opportunity to learn about various potential career options within their community.
- Under why Job Shadowing and getting a new perspective, strike staff and departments within the University, and change it to student's throughout Cape Coral
- Strike the first bullet under that
- The second bullet strike breaking down internal barriers across the organization to formation of a beneficial student mentor relationship
- Strike the forth bullet

Discussion held regarding the meeting packet.

Page 3 changes continued:

- In paragraph following those four bullets strike everything after find out how and change it to professionals work in their community
- In the first bullet after that strike other
- In the second bullet, strike it all
- Strike the fourth bullet, as well
- In the first bullet after for the individual being shadowed there is an opportunity to, in the first bullet change colleague from a different work area to your own to students within the community

Chair Slafer agreed to provide a copy of all of the changes to the City Clerk's office for the official record to be added to the meeting back-up.

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Saunders, to implement the changes on page 3 regarding job shadowing guidelines.***

Chair Slafer called a point of order for discussion.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns distributed available paper copies.

Chair Slafer agreed to provide a copy of all of the changes to the City Clerk's office for the official record to be added to the meeting back-up.

***Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.***

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Baxter, to amend the job shadowing guidelines on page 4 to strike the first paragraph.***

Discussion held regarding the hosts for the job shadowing with Parks and Recreation.

Discussion held regarding the line manager reference in the document.

***Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Troche voted "nay." Ten "ayes." One "nay." Motion carried 10-1.***

No discussion held.

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Saunders, on page five, strike line 5 in the first paragraph of this document to remove word career change and change to future career option.***

***Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.***

No discussion held.

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Shawver, to amend the Job Shadowing guidelines to strike the first table on page 6.***

***Council polled as follows: Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Reid voted "nay." Ten "ayes." One "nay." Motion carried 10-1.***

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Reid, to strike in the right box at the very bottom including how from page 6 on how I would feed the learning back to my team.***

No discussion held.

***Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.***

***Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Saunders, to amend page 7, of the job shadowing guidelines to strike the sixth bullet on page 7, and on page 8, strike the first 3 bullets strike the latter two, on page 10, change before career development to add future career development on first bullet strike and then strike the two bullets following that.***

Discussion held.

***Chair Slafer amended his motion on page 8 strike for you and your line manager to***

**record and on page 9, the second, Member Saunders, agreed.**

Discussion held regarding the line manager position and striking certain bullets.

**Chair Slafer amended his motion change page 8 for you and your counselor to consider and same on page 10 bullets. Second agreed.**

**Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.**

**Chair Slafer moved, seconded by Member Baxter, to adopt the amended job shadowing guidelines to Parks and Recreation.**

**Council polled as follows: Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, Wilson, Baxter, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, and Molfino voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.**

Chair Slafer reiterated the process; Advisor Cagle will send our proposal to Risk Management, and then, come back to the Youth Council. This will start in Parks and Recreation and hopefully go through the other departments.

## **NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS**

Vice Chair Wilson passed the gavel back to Chair Slafer.

**Member Dunkle moved, seconded by Member Wilson to add a presentation for the youth to the next meeting agenda dated 8/11/17. Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.**

Chair Slafer asked to add fund raising on the next meeting for Blessings in a Backpack.

**Member Saunders moved, seconded by Vice Chair Wilson, to discuss the children's hunger topic for the next meeting. Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Member Cerretani moved, seconded by Member Reid, for her to make a presentation on hunger efforts at the 8/25/17 meeting agenda. Voice poll, all ayes, motion carried.**

## **REPORTS**

<u>Member Reid:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Saunders:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Shawver:</u>	Topic: No report

<u>Member Troche:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Wilson:</u>	Topic: thanked all for coming to the meeting.
<u>Member Baxter:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Bernau:</u>	Topic: EXCUSED
<u>Member Bevan:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Cerretani:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Dunkle:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Hare:</u>	Topic: EXCUSED
<u>Member Molfino:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Chair Slafer:</u>	Topic: Reported the purpose of this Council was to develop communication between schools and the Youth Council, and get students to come to our meetings to voice their concerns. I would like to add communication with schools on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

None.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS**

Council Liaison Williams commented on the procedure of voting and saying no should be debated. He offered to complete letters of recommendation for senior members.

Communications Director Delong stated he had access to Facebook and will get the word out.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns stated when you email to Council Advisor Williams and Rebecca that Rebecca's last name is Perry, not van Deutekom.

### **TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2017, at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Bruns  
Assistant City Clerk

<b>Item Number:</b>	<b>5.B.</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>9/22/2017</b>
<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>

**AGENDA REQUEST  
FORM**  
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



**TITLE:**

Regular Meeting - August 11, 2017

**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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□ Regular Meeting - August 11, 2017

Backup Material

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

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

Chair Slafer called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chair Slafer, Members Baxter, Bernau, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Wilson, Saunders, and Shawver. Member Bevan and Troche were excused. Member Cerretani arrived at 3:01 p.m.

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Williams  
Jodie Costello, Senior Recreation Specialist

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***Member Saunders moved, seconded by Member Baxter to adopt the agenda, as presented.***

***Council polled as follows: Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Wilson, Baxter, Bernau, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, and Reid voted "aye." Ten "ayes." Motion carried 10-0.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***None***

**ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS**

Council Liaison Williams discussed the group's shirts are available to be handed out at the end of this meeting. Next, he reviewed the requirement for the permission slips for the Florida League of Cities trip that are required to get on the bus. He requested that they be turned in as soon as possible. The permission slips will need to include a parent signature. He reviewed the agenda for the Youth Council Day and mentioned that Advisor Mazurkiewicz will be chaperoning. He reviewed requests for letters of recommendation and offered to write them for seniors. Lastly, he discussed the budget presentation and reviewed that at the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> budget workshop there is a need for attendance by a member to help explain.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns mentioned that the date had not yet been determined, and she will send an email out to the entire Youth Council with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Workshop details.

Chair Slafer confirmed with the Youth Council that a member of the Sub-Committee would speak on behalf of the Youth Council to present at the next Budget Workshop.

## **CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

No speakers.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Children's Hunger Topic**

Tuan Tran and Jocelyn Arroyo appeared to discuss the Children's Hunger topic with the Blessings in a Backpack program.

Ms. Arroyo provided an explanation of the program with the following slides:

- Why B.I.A.B?
- Logistics (Includes 4 meals that are pre-packaged to prevent spoiling)
- Monetary Impact
- Movie Equipment
- Additional Sales (Popcorn, Harry Potter, Themed Snacks, Sodas and waters bought in bulk)
- Sponsors

Member Reid offered his contacts with BJ's Wholesale club for sponsorship.

Member Saunders inquired about admission fees.

Ms. Arroyo explained that a fee would be difficult due to the location. Funds could be calculated from concession sales and donations.

Discussion held in reference to location to hold the movie night, Parks and Recreation currently movie nights at Jaycee Park and Four Freedoms Park.

### **Special Events – Parks and Recreation**

Todd King and Kristin Bean appeared to discuss the Special Events program, and what can be offered. He mentioned that the City has a lot of the capital resources in place for an event such as this. He reviewed that there is an existing Movie night program in the parks. He reviewed that the Blessings in a Backpack program with Council Liaison Williams and agrees this is a worthy goal and need in our community. He expressed interested in the Youth Council joining the current Movies in the Park program. He stated that the concessions operations at the Movies in the Park could be available. The main

cost is in the movie licensing fees and sponsorship opportunities.

Ms. Bean reviewed a recent cost for a movie licensing fees was approximately \$500.00 for one movie. The fee is based on attendance and the type/age of the movie.

Mr. King explained that a movie marathon would result in large licensing fees. If they partnered with the current Movies in the Park, there are four. He offered concessions, food collection units, and direct donations. The current events are free. He referenced it as a unique trade agreement. For it to be a trade, volunteer hours are available. He reviewed the variety of special events that the city hosts and has a need for volunteer hours for the Coconut Festival, Sounds of Jazz, and Red, White and Boom. This could become an excellent partnership. He reviewed possible singular events such as a drive-in movie at Sun Splash with a bonfire and hot dog sales. He also, liked the idea of a dive in movie at the Yacht Club. The parks and recreation department is very interested as this will generate the volunteer hours and liaisons for each of the high schools.

Discussion held in reference to:

- Advertising of the existing 4 movies and turn out; Social media usage with Facebook, Data Capture of Email addresses at events and program advertisement; turn out is based on the movie title from 300 to 850 people. The typical turn out is family groups, but Parks would like to program target to the High Schools.
- Locations: It moves around to create a neighborhood feel, events have been held at Four Freedoms Park, Jaycee Park, Jim Jeffers Park; and some have been events have been held the high schools on their football fields. Best success has been in South Cape.
- Volunteer Coordinator would be the Youth Council Liaison passing out fliers at schools and working with club advisors such as the Key Club. There is a volunteer web spot for sign up, hours validations can be signed, back and forth with each Youth Council member.
- Movie Marathon vs. singular events, singular events may attract high school students.
- Food Profits could go to feeding the hungry. There are 5 already on the books.
- Pass around collection buckets, concession sales, minus the cost of the products.
- Concession profits numbers, up to a couple hundred dollars.
- Selling sponsorships.
- 50/50 Raffles.
- Basket Donation.
- Movie license requirement; release dates; Disney film restrictions.
- Vendors (Food and Crafts).

Mike Hollow of ReMax offered to contribute to a future event.; whatever the license fee is, ReMax will match it for Blessings in a Backpack.

Discussion continued in reference to:

- Youth Council Budget
- Sweat equity for income
- Making a plan for an event with Special Events

Both Vice Chair Wilson and Member Saunders offered to help on the project.

Discussion held on making the event more millennial driven. An event in a closed venue, gives less exposure to non-attending public could be more teenager audience friendly.

Chair Slafer recognized Tuan Tran and Jocelyn Arroyo for their efforts bring this forward and expressed his interest in participating in the planning.

Ms. Bean listed the current dates selected for the for the 5 movies 10/7, 12/16, 2/24, 4/7 and 5/12.

Mr. King expressed communicating the dates and movie selections to the Youth Council.

Ms. Bean reviewed the need to check dates in the event the Youth Council plans a new event to make sure the equipment is available.

Mr. King reviewed the excellent opportunity this brings for Parks and Recreation for volunteer ours and the assistance to the Blessings in a Backpack.

Member Baxter expressed an interest in assisting in the project. She referenced the Communications Director for advertising the events.

Discussion held about using Instagram, Buzz Feed, and Snapchat.

Discussion held in reference to putting together a meeting with the point people.

Discussion held in reference to closed venue and volunteers from Bishop Verot.

Member Molfino expressed an interest in assisting with the program based on her contacts for marketing and advertising.

### **Presentation for the Youth – Member Dunkle**

Member Dunkle reviewed a program called the Cape Coral Teen Choice Awards. This would be a meeting once a month, vote on what the youth thinks is the best. She presented the following slides:

- How? (Receiving donations for items and setting a date at the Youth Center, spreading the word)
- Why? (Improve communications between the schools; gives the youth a sense of importance, draws attention to local business, no cost to the youth or the council)
- Example: Teen Choice Awards – Pizza Night!

Discussion held regarding:

- Receiving donations.
- Monthly event vs. quarterly event on a set date.
- Options.
- Activities at the event; air hockey, games, school bands, music.
- Youth Council – getting the word out to the Youth for involvement.

Chair Slafer expressed his support for the program, and requested confirmation as to the Youth Council's role.

Discussion held in reference to:

- Marketing.
- Volunteer hours.
- Youth Council as host.
- Event schedule.
- Voice for the Youth.
- Request business donations and marketing to peers on Facebook, fliers, and announcements.
- Attendance requirements.

Member Reid mentioned that he has vendor contacts to help.

Member Dunkle agreed to spearhead the project and giving updates at each meeting. He reviewed that the Youth Council can aid in getting the sponsors and word out about the event.

Communications Director DeLong reviewed that this project as well as the movie night will assist in getting the word out about the Youth Council.

Council Liaison Williams recommended using the City Email addresses for communications.

### **Discussion of Children's Hunger Topic**

Discussion held in reference:

- Existing events vs. singular events.
- Movie choices specific to teens.
- Partnering with Parks and Recreation.
- Marketing.
- Event as an annual project; setting background for a future singular event.
- Event date changes.
- Fundraising.

Council Liaison Williams supported partnering with Parks and Recreation from the beginning to get the word out at an event that already has a successful following. He suggested three members have a meeting, sit down with Todd King, and Steve Pohlman to get things started with firm information.

Discussion continued as to partnering with Parks and Recreation, and in the future working toward a singular event, or an unidentified movie night with a teen type movie.

***Member Cerretani moved, seconded by Member Molfino to establish a Subcommittee regarding Blessings in a Backpack Special Events, purpose to work with Todd King and lay the groundwork, subcommittee members include Chair Slafer, Members Baxter, Cerretani, Wilson, Molfino and Saunders. (Meeting to be held prior to the next Youth Council meeting on 8/25/2017)***

***Council polled as follows: Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Wilson, Baxter, Bernau, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, and Reid voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.***

### **Communications with Schools**

Discussion held in reference to various advertising outlets to get the word out to the Schools about the Youth Council.

- Drop Box idea.
- Extra credit for attendees/Principal's discretion then, the teacher's discretion.
- Late passes.
- School News outreach.
- Access to google classrooms and forms for surveys and questions.
- Make an effort between meetings, school news, fliers, talk to teachers, report what was done during reports.
- Concerns in the Drop Box idea.

### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS**

Member Dunkle reviewed that regarding the Teen Choice awards.

***Member Wilson moved, seconded by Member Molfino to add the Continuation of the Teen Choice Awards topic to the next meeting agenda dated 8/25/17.***

***Council polled as follows: Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Wilson, Baxter, Bernau, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, and Reid voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.***

Discussion held in reference to a third item that would be added to the agenda on behalf of Member Cerretani. This was added for the 8/25 meeting at a different meeting.

## REPORTS

<u>Member Saunders:</u>	Topics: Yacht Club and Youth Center future events.
<u>Member Shawver:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Troche:</u>	Topic: Excused
<u>Member Wilson:</u>	Topic: Spoke with Gary Eidson about having youth group to discuss technology with Cape Coral Computer Club members that are interested in learning about new technologies; he will be working with Mr. DeLong to pursue and discuss details with Youth Council in near future.
<u>Member Baxter:</u>	Topic: Discussing with Principal drop box options; extra credit at meetings from her school.
<u>Member Bernau:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Bevan:</u>	Topic: Excused
<u>Member Cerretani:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Dunkle:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Hare:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Molfino:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Member Reid:</u>	Topic: No report
<u>Chair Slafer:</u>	Topic: No report

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None.

## REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams suggested debriefing at the next meeting after the Orlando trip, provide details during reports; need to formalize a thank you to Lee County Electric Cooperative; and remember Youth Council Program at the Florida League of Cities.

Discussion held regarding members bringing money to cover their meals and required expense reports to receive reimbursement for expenses. City of Fort Myers has covered the cost for the bus.

Discussion held regarding an additional item for the August 25, 2017 meeting being brought forward by Member Cerretani regarding Hunger for the Homeless.

Communications Director Delong reviewed the following:

- Working to schedule a meeting with Staff to learn how to set up a Twitter Account.
- Future Twitter plan to include profiles of each member with pictures.
- When Special event has an assigned lead, he has a way to contact Donor Michael Hollow.

Advisor Costello announced that she would be happy to give tours for the Youth Center.

Discussion held in reference to working with Communications Director for interviews with the press.

#### **TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, August 25, 2017, at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Bruns  
Assistant City Clerk

<b>Item Number:</b>	<b>9.C.</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>9/22/2017</b>
<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



**TITLE:**

Homeless/Children's Hunger discussion - Member Cerretani

**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:**

Division- Department-

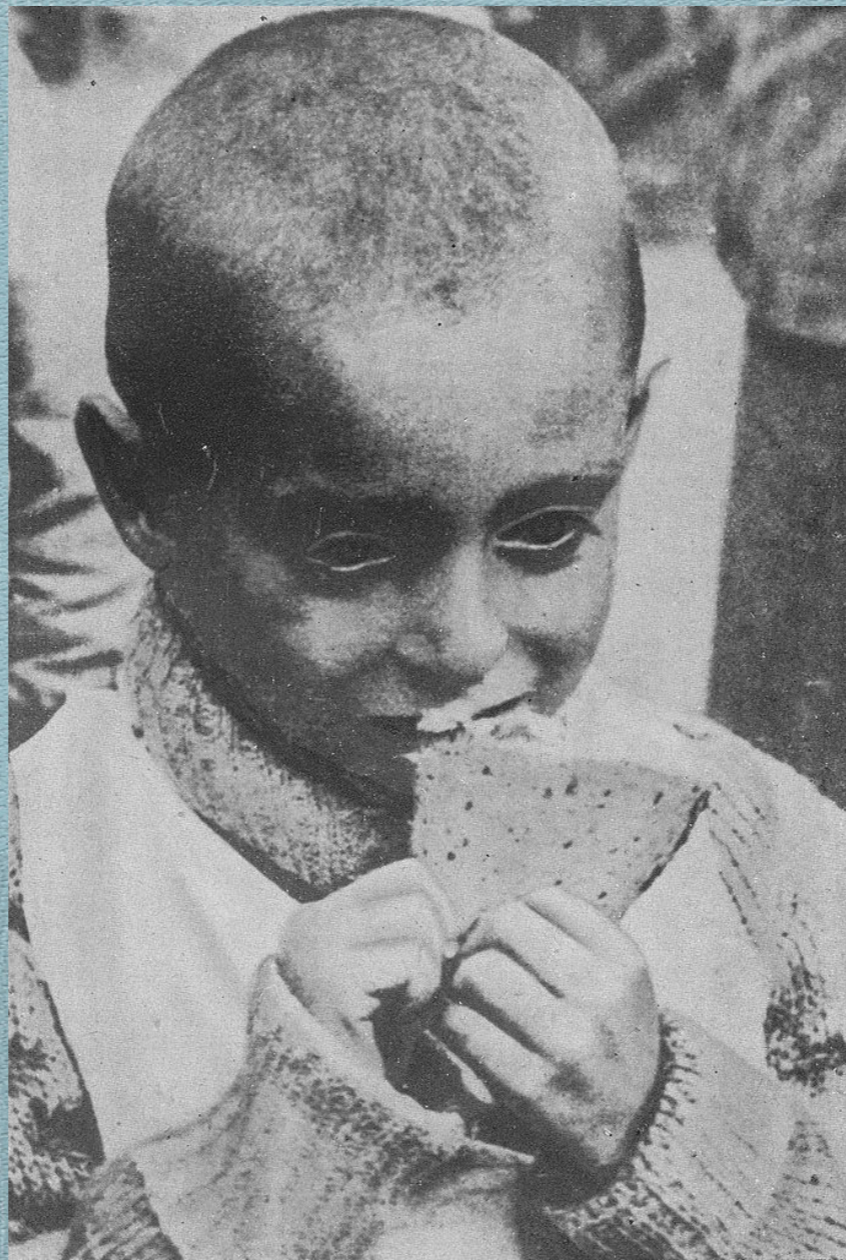
**SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
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# Homeless and Food Insecure People presentation

*Presented by: Olivia Cerretani*



# This is what hunger looks like

*Homeless and food insecure people live this ordeal every day*

“Though the homeless are often the public face of inequality and food insecurity in the US and across the world, hunger impacts many millions more people than homelessness and its effects are not as readily visible to the general public.”

*([moveforhunger.org](http://moveforhunger.org))*

We can help alleviate hunger in Cape Coral by growing food-producing plants in our parks through the use of garden beds

# Sharing a proven plan

- ◆ This project was seemingly conceived in 2011 by a group of women volunteering in Colorado
- ◆ You may have heard of it: “**Grow Local Colorado**” or of the similar “Katie’s Krops”, which has now expanded to **33 US States**
- ◆ Due to them being highly successful, many other cities have copied their project including Seattle (WA), Boston (MA), Asheville (NC), Madison (WI), and San Francisco (CA)
- ◆ Essentially, it is maintaining garden beds in parks to donate to homeless
- ◆ Colorado Governor Mr. Hickenlooper supports these so called modern day victory gardens by housing a Grow Local Colorado garden bed at his personal residence

# Success in numbers by state

**CO:** Grow local Colorado : since 2011: 8 gardens in 2017

**WA:** Brandon Street Orchard and Beacon Food Forest

BSO is a P- Patch Project overseen by:([seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov))

**MA:** The Boston Tree Party, 17 mini Apple orchard as of 2012

**NC:** George Washington Carver Edible Park

**WI:** Madison City Council amended the city's general law

To authorize edible landscaping on city- owned land if maintained

**CA:** Friends of the Urban Forest :25+ urban orchards:

Urban Orchard Project + SF Environment's Urban Forestry and Carbon  
Fund Programs initiated the project

# How this is a realistic idea for Cape Coral

- ◆ High school students volunteer to maintain the gardens
- ◆ After harvesting the crops, students could be assigned to transport the food to local homeless shelters or soup kitchens
- ◆ The only costs would be the initial purchase of garden beds, soil, and plants since volunteer labor drives the project
- ◆ Also, the Cape Coral Garden Club may be willing to assist

# Relevant City of Cape Ordinance

Chapter 12 1/2- Parks and Recreation section 4, bulletpoint 3 states:  
“Bringing in plants, trees, or shrubs. Unless authorized by the  
director,  
No person shall bring into or upon any park any tree, shrub, plant.”

# Initiative overview

- ◆ What? Plants we could grow in Southwest Florida include species of most fruits and vegetables
- ◆ How? Volunteerism, procured through our high schools, would be entrusted to plant, harvest, and deliver the foods
- ◆ Where would crops grow and go? They would grow in city parks that Parks and Recreation allows and the food would go to either local soup kitchens, food pantries, or homeless shelters depending on who we choose to partner with

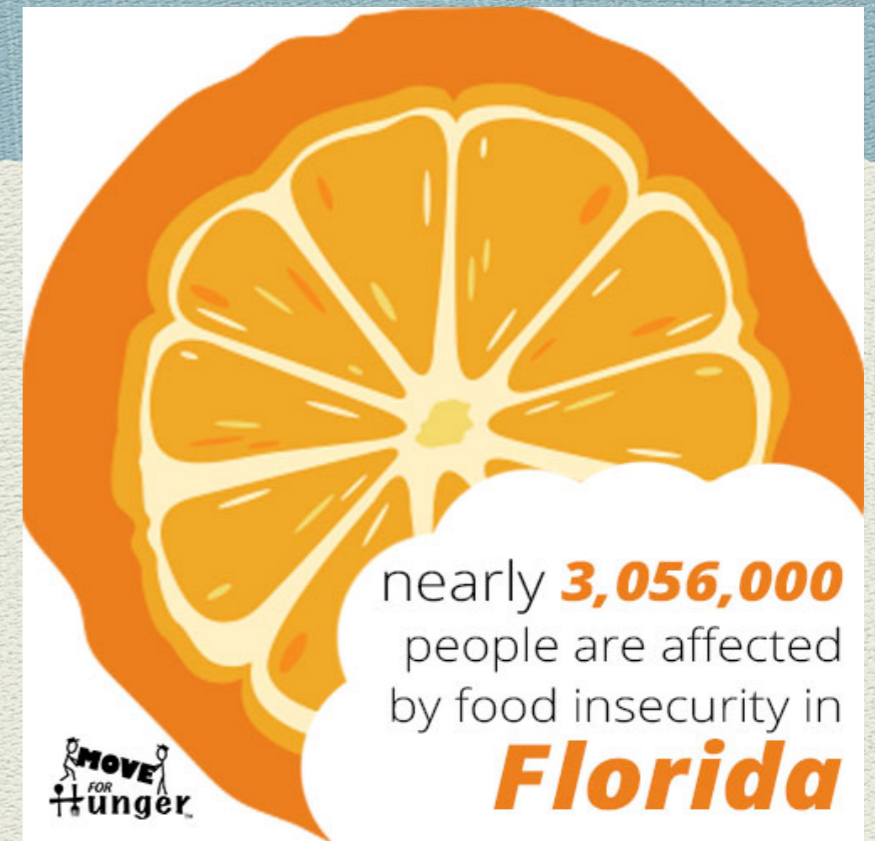


# Hunger statistics

In **Lee County** school district: *1/65*  
Students are homeless

*One in Eight Americans* live on incomes  
That put them at **risk for hunger**

A report from the **U.S. Conference of Mayors**  
Found that only *11%* of those requesting  
Emergency food assistance were homeless



# Addressing criticism

- ◆ Growing food in public is unsafe/ unsanitary
  - ◆ The city will not allow this
  - ◆ This is too expensive
- ◆ This has been done before and
    - Since they are being placed in city parks, it appears to be permissible with the Parks and Rec's blessing
    - And
    - The closest comparison would be to a house garden, which has been calculated to have a conservative 300% return on investment
- ([joe.org](http://joe.org))



Therefore, it is a realistic goal for Cape Coral to be the next city to help homeless with their food supply

“ ... Conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age - conditions that together provide the freedom people need to live lives they value.”

*(Sen, 1999; Marmot, 2004). WHO Closing the Gap page 26*