



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

January 12, 2018

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 SLAFER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. CHAIR SLAFER

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting - December 1, 2017

6. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. Strategic Plan - discussion

7. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

9. BUSINESS

- A. Citywide Recycling topic - Chair Slafer
- B. Update on Special Populations Programs
- C. Guns in Schools Discussion (Continuation) - Member Reid

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 will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 @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:	1/12/2018
Item Type:	APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Regular Meeting - December 1, 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.

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

□ Regular Meeting - December 1, 2017

Backup Material

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

Friday, December 1, 2017

Chair Slafer called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chair Slafer, Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Shawver, Troche, and Wilson were present. Member Dunkle was absent. Member Cerretani arrived at 2:55 p.m. and Member Saunders arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Rick Williams
Advisor Joe Mazurkiewicz
Staff Advisor Mark Cagle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Baxter moved, seconded by Member Bernau to adopt the agenda, as amended to postpone the Citywide Recycling Discussion to the 12/15/2017 meeting and replace it with the Blessings in a Backpack Recap. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Baxter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2017, as presented. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Member Bernau moved, seconded by Member Troche to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2017, as presented. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Fred Mohr expressed his appreciation to the members for their time they have spent on the Youth Council. He recommended that the Youth Council "Think Bigger" to bring up topics that City Council is not talking about, focus on the needs of the community and items that are on the back burner that should not be on the back burner in order to do a real service to the community.

BUSINESS

Special Populations Youth Program – Fred Mohr

Fred Mohr discussed forming a Youth Corps for the Special Populations for Guardian Angels. He reviewed the mission to provide service to the Special Populations as a chapter of the Guardian Angels for Special Populations. The biggest concern they are facing at Guardian Angels is that most volunteers have been there for a long time, and there is a need to bring in new volunteers by way of a Youth Corps. He discussed the following areas that help is needed:

- Outreach, planning preparation and volunteering for Guardian events
- Fundraising
- Special Populations event preparations (different from the Guardian Angel events)
- Donations
- Usages of funds raised in the recent past; bus purchase and kitchen remodels
- Growth limitations due to budgetary restraints
- Employment of Special Populations community

Council Liaison Williams explained that he invited Mr. Mohr to this meeting to help get the word out about a Youth Program to the students in the City of Cape Coral. He discussed the importance of the program and the need to spur interest in the schools.

Member Cerretani arrived at 2:55 p.m.

Discussion held regarding the existing various school programs.

Chair Slafer invited students to attend a meeting on 12/5/2017. The purpose is to make students aware that this is an opportunity to advocate for the success of Special Populations. He reviewed the lack of funding in the school. He discussed a previous fundraiser of selling sweets at his school but the privilege was taken away. Make them functional within society including employment. His school has an autistic program, 6 out of 16 participate. He was in favor of the Youth Council being involved in the program.

Member Baxter inquired about the materials supplied, and distributing at the area schools.

Vice Chair Wilson committed to attending the 12/5 meeting and bringing students with him. He reviewed the efforts and atmosphere at North Fort Myers High School as a positive experience with the integration of Special Populations students.

Member Cerretani reviewed a monthly event at Bishop Verot. She was interested in attending the meeting as it is a great program.

Chair Slafer reviewed his vision for all of the schools. He reviewed the Baker Buddy program at Ida Baker. It is an elective course in Life Skills working one on one with

students on their individual curriculum.

Member Saunders arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Chair Slafer requested, based on each school for members, to complete research and come back together at the next meeting to address. There should be programs to sit together at lunch. He reviewed levels of impairment and mentioned at times it just takes a little bit of extra help. He reviewed merging elective topics with Life Skills program.

Vice Chair Wilson reviewed SGA's rotating schedule, it is a class, an entire period they go to the classroom to play games and socialize.

Member Baxter reviewed the start of a course. She brought up the difficult process to have it integrated.

Chair Slafer reviewed the aiding periods, use this time slot to be paired with students.

Member Cerretani inquired about aiding periods.

Council Liaison Williams reviewed that Mr. Mohr was here today to generate help with his program for fundraising, etc.

Chair Slafer stated we needed to do research within our own Special Populations programs at our schools regarding funding. He stated by our next meeting we should have discussion with our Life Skills teachers in order to understand what kind of funding they have. He reviewed attending funding events for extra curricula involving tickets, meal preparation, and engaging with the community outside of their classroom.

Vice Chair Wilson asked that members to tell friends about the 12/5 meeting to help grow Mr. Mohr's idea of the Youth Corps of the Guardian Angels.

Member Baxter stated our goal before the next meeting should be to distribute materials through various clubs/club advisors. She stated by word of mouth we should try to get people to attend the 12/5/17 meeting. After that we should continue to spread the word. Then focus on the curriculums in the schools for the future. She was in favor of helping Mr. Mohr.

Member Cerretani inquired about pamphlets or knowledge learned that they can pass on.

Mr. Mohr offered to speak at the schools to assist in spreading the word. He reminded members that he included information and his number in the packet.

Chair Slafer reviewed that the members can concentrate on 12/5 for the next few days and our goal by the next meeting is to have this distributed and attend the meeting and bring friends. We should be conducting research based on our own school Special

Education Programs and how they can benefit it. Spearhead Autism Week throughout the City in April. Get things in motion, implementation and a foundation of resources in order to be prepared.

Citywide Recycling Topic – Chair Slafer

Chair Slafer moved this item to 12/15/2017

Blessings in a Backpack – Cecilia St. Arnold

Cecilia St. Arnold appeared to discuss the organization and how they supplement breakfast and lunch programs that students get during the week. In Southwest Florida and in Lee County alone, 31,000 children qualify for our program. In Collier County, 33,000 children also qualify for this program. Cape Coral has a large pocket of hunger as well as Lee County. It costs \$100 a year to feed a child four meals every weekend for 38 weeks. They work with a food provider that provides balanced and nutritious meals. They focus on healthy meals to allow children's brains to grow properly. These students are our future workforce, and we want them properly educated. From your Movie in the Park, \$1,580 was raised which can feed 16 children for a year. She thanked the Youth Council for what they have accomplished. She explained options with the money. Donations are applied to an existing program or they can open a new program. They have a firm sustainable model. They need 3 years sustainable funding before they start a new school. To open a new program, there is a minimum of 50 students for \$5,000 per year and a guarantee that there will sustainable funding for two more years. She stated the Youth Council had great marketing skills for the one event that they did even with IRMA having just come through the City. The current need is at Caloosa Elementary in Cape Coral.

Chair Slafer reviewed applying the money to an existing school or try to do another event to attempt to raise more money.

Discussion held regarding the Parks and Rec/Special Events team having expressed interest in continuing the Youth Council's involvement.

Chair Slafer questioned if we want to continue doing these types of events or do we want to find different organizations in the future?

Member Cerretani was in favor of continuing doing events like this.

Member Reid questioned if this program was done with multiple schools at the same time.

Ms. Arnold stated she has 17 existing programs, mostly in schools. She did a program through the Lehigh Boys and Girls Club, the Bonita Springs Assistance Office of Food Pantry, and the rest are Title 1 schools.

Member Baxter was in favor of continuing raising money for non-profits and NGO's. She mentioned reaching out to Todd and Kristen to confirm the partnership before allocating the money.

Chair Slafer agreed to the confirmation. He reviewed the Coconut Festival participation and spreading the word for volunteers.

Member Cerretani questioned if we want to do another Movie in the Park again would it be open and flexible?

Chair Slafer stated the question today was not what type of event, but whether or not we want to move forward with Blessings in a Backpack over the next few months in order to do another event. The money that has been raised is being held for a decision. If we are going to do another event with a goal of reaching enough money in order to open up a new school, we can do that. If not, it would be better for us to have this money already raised to be put into action, helping students in SWFL now rather than later.

Vice Chair Wilson asked if we were going to implement it into an existing program, what would be the impact on a current school? How many kids would that go to?

Ms. Arnold stated the Youth Council has raised \$1,580; it would be 16 more children.

Member Cerretani requested the thoughts of Ms. Arnold as to the two options.

Ms. Arnold responded if you are doing this as a legacy option, either way it works and we are feeding children. It is more of a legacy option. If not, there are plenty of children in Cape Coral to apply the funds with the existing programs.

Chair Slafer stated this requires a commitment to be made with the intention of the future Council and would need to be long term. Do we want to commit to one organization?

Member Cerretani stated she was in favor of keeping it as a legacy program. She requested input from the Juniors.

Member Baxter stated she was in favor of the Blessings in a Backpack as a legacy project for future years and future members. It keeps the money directly in Cape Coral and people that could be our neighbors.

Chair Slafer stated if this is something she would like to spearhead next year and if she has the Council approval, he felt it would be great to have this as a legacy project. He asked if there were any disagreements with making this a legacy project.

Vice Chair Wilson inquired if we did this as a legacy project, would we be limited to helping other organizations such as Guardian Angels?

Discussion held regarding the requirements of a legacy program.

Vice Chair Wilson stated he was in favor as long as we had the commitments from the juniors that we will continue this.

Member Reid questioned if this was carried over as a legacy project for the new Council, would they have to vote on this?

Chair Slafer stated we cannot force the new Council, but we can have things put in place to encourage them.

Council Liaison Williams stated whatever you vote on now, it is binding to the next Council. The next Council does have the right to turn it over and not to continue with it.

Member Baxter referenced that this program would help us grow.

Member Cerretani reviewed that the next Council may choose not to finish. She wants a commitment of raising the \$5,000 this year, with a choice in August for the new Council to decide upon.

Chair Slafer stated by voting for this to be our legacy project, we would be voting for our vision as to what we want the Council to be. The new members have every right to change that vision to suit their own goals. He believed a vote would be important.

Member Bevan stated the only drawback is that the money would sit in an account while there are children right now that could use it.

Chair Slafer stated we were only one-third of the way to our goal of \$5,000 for the year. For this to continue as a legacy project, it is the expectation that every year the group can put together a \$5,000 project. If that is the case, the effort needs to be from the entire Council. Another member will need to take over.

Vice Chair Wilson agreed with the idea to fulfill the first \$5,000. The money will have to sit for a few months. He noted if we raised \$5,000, we would then vote to continue if we reached \$5,000.

Member Troche stated it shows other organizations of what we are capable of. What we can do now as a Council is focus on the present, pull our weight, and do what we can to help.

Member Cerretani reviewed that we are one-third of the way.

Member Baxter expressed her commitment with Blessings in a Backpack and agreed to spearhead the project next year. The juniors can handle this, and we can mentor the new members. This relationship will lead to something great and be a legacy.

Chair Slafer reviewed that the main purpose of the Youth Council is not fund raisings. While he fully supports Blessings in a Backpack, he wants it to be worked on in a workshop with a group and not part of our regular meetings; it would be just an update.

Member Saunders questioned organizing an event through her school in order to have money go towards Blessings in a Backpack.

Chair Slafer discussed collective fund raisers from all of the schools instead of an individual school.

Member Cerretani provided an example of designing an object and bring to all the schools to sell to reach the end goal.

Chair Slafer asked for a show of hands who would be interested in leading this project for the rest of the year.

By a show of hands, Members Baxter, Cerretani, Bernau, Bevan, and Saunders agreed.

Chair Slafer noted this group of five members should meet in workshop meetings separate from this Council for the rest of the year and figure out how to make it a success. They would then report at regular meetings on what they may need from the other Council members so that the whole Council can voice their opinion. He stated a motion would be needed to establish a long-term partnership with Blessings in a Backpack in order to reach our original stated goal of \$5,000.

Member Cerretani moved, seconded by Member Reid to create a legacy project with Blessings in a Backpack.

Council polled as follows: Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Twelve "ayes." Motion carried 12-0.

Discussion held in reference to raising the \$5,000.

Discussion held regarding the dates to be determined for the five members to meet to create a special workshop.

Member Cerretani moved, seconded by Member Baxter to have a special workshop with the other five Council members. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Chair Slafer mentioned that after the meeting there would be a group photo with Ms. Arnold showing a check with the amount of money raised.

Guns in Schools Discussion (Continuation) – Member Reid

Member Reid reviewed that this discussion has been tabled by the School Board. He is going to conduct research to see if this has been allowed in any schools in the United States. He will share his findings to determine the possibility of a future resolution or referendum to bring to the School Board.

2018 Youth Council Meeting Schedule – Options 1, 2, and 3

Discussion held in reference to the pros and cons of both Option 2 and 3. Option 1 was eliminated.

Member Baxter moved, seconded by Member Cerretani to approve Option 2 of the meeting back-up as the Youth Council's meeting calendar, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Troche, and Wilson voted "aye." Slafer voted "nay." Eleven "ayes." One "nay." Motion carried 11-1.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Slafer confirmed that the topic of Citywide Recycling was already slated for the 12/15/17 meeting.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns responded affirmatively.

Member Baxter moved, seconded by Member Saunders to add Update on Special Populations Program at the next meeting agenda dated 12/15/17. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Member Reid moved, seconded by Member Wilson to move the topic of Guns in Schools Discussion to the next meeting agenda dated 12/15/17. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

REPORTS

Member Baxter: Topic: No Report

Member Bernau: Topic: No Report

Member Bevan: Topic: Regarding the Special Populations work, she stated she was very interested in the topic and thanked Mr. Mohr for bringing this to the Youth Council.

Member Cerretani: Topic: Inquired about a set sponsorship page, she requested an update and offered to put something together, such as different levels that would be set for every event.

Chair Slafer recommended it be individualized depending on the event. He mentioned the members that are spearheading the upcoming Movie Night event to discuss at a workshop meeting.

Member Dunkle: Topic: Absent
Member Hare: Topic: No Report
Member Molfino: Topic: No Report
Member Reid: Topic: No Report
Member Saunders: Topic: Inquired about the process of Election of Chair and Vice Chair. She reminded the group of the topic of having an about page similar what City Council currently has with a picture, phone number, and summary about each one.

Discussion held in reference to:

- The initial topic not being voted on by the Youth Council
- Topic had not been brought up again
- Review of the last time
- Speeches before the selection
- Invite incoming members before, provide a link to watch the meetings
- About page concept
- Attendance by incoming members at meetings
- New members being invited to attend before they start their term
- About pages making it easier to contact members
- Allowing those who wanted to run spoke about their interests, efficient

Chair Slafer suggested working with the Communications Director to implement the About Pages concept.

Mr. DeLong reviewed working with City Officials on this topic and did not receive positive feedback about adding it to the website.

Chair Slafer inquired of the existence of other about pages on the City website for boards and commissions.

Council Liaison Williams responded that currently it is only for City Council. He reviewed the quick turn over based on the last election and expressed interest in an indoctrination program.

Member Shawver: Topic: No Report
Member Troche: Topic: No Report
Vice Chair Wilson: Topic: No Report
Chair Slafer: Topic: Stressed the importance of getting students to the 12/5 Special Populations meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams announced that Council will consider at their December 4, 2017 meeting a Junior applicant for the existing Ida Baker High School vacancy. He discussed in the future adding requirements for applicants to view the meetings.

Discussion held regarding implementing a short educational program for new members to include attending meetings and an event sponsored by the Youth Council.

Council Liaison Williams discussed beginning the application process early.

Staff Advisor Cagle announced that tomorrow is the grand re-opening at the Eagle Skate Park at 9:00 a.m. He invited members to attend, speak, and be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Both Vice Chair Wilson and Chair Slafer agreed to attend.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2017, at 2:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Bruns
Assistant City Clerk