

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

Friday, December 11, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Ziegler

Roll Call: Blackwell, Bradish, Dougherty, Figueroa, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Roh, Russell, Skweir, Spoor, and Ziegler were present. German participated remotely. Young was excused. Cranford arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Member Russell moved, seconded by Committee Member Figueroa, to allow Committee Member German to attend virtually (remote participation). Voice Poll: All “ayes”. Motion carried.

Also in attendance: Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Mary Mazza, Staff Advisor/Recreation Specialist
Connie Griglin, Youth Council Administrative Contact
Shelley Lachmann, SW Florida Community Foundation
Sandra Greiner, Sun Splash Family Waterpark Manager
Lilliam Viera, Communications Director (arrived at 3:30 p.m.)

CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Ziegler inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Vice Chair Bradish moved, seconded by Committee Member Dougherty, to adopt the Agenda for the December 11, 2020 meeting, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Blackwell, Bradish, Dougherty, Figueroa, German, McMillan, McMonagle-Hall, Roh, Russell, Skweir, Spoor, and Ziegler voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 12– 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2020

Chair Ziegler inquired if there were any changes to the November 13, 2020 meeting Minutes. There were none.

Committee Member Figueroa moved, seconded by Committee Member Skweir, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2020, as presented. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

RECOGNITION/ACHIEVEMENTS

None.

Committee Member Cranford arrived at 3:05 p.m.

ADVISOR PRESENTATION

Advisor Mazurkiewicz informed the Youth Council of the following:

- City Council will break until January 2021
- Water Advisory Committee created
- Suggested Youth Council members apply for the Water Advisory Committee

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No Speakers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Chair Ziegler reminded the Youth Council the report will be due in January 2021 and inquired if any members would like to participate in the report to the Council.

Committee Members Spoor and McMillan volunteered.

BUSINESS

2020 FLC Facebook Youth Council Program Training Session Discussion Administrative Contact Griglin

Administrative Contact Griglin updated the Youth Council as follows:

- FLC will send a link for the second training session which can be completed by each Member
- The third training session will take place after the second training session has been completed by all Youth Council Members.
- The third session will encompass a presentation by the Youth Council to an elected official and this workshop will incorporate an online session with FLC
- January 22, 2021 is the anticipated date for the third session
- Suggest a member of the Youth Council write and invite an elected official

Committee Member Russell inquired if Administrative Contact Griglin could forward questions on the second training session to the FLC.

Administrative Contact Griglin responded in the affirmative and requested all Youth Council Members view the second training session by January 8, 2021. Questions to be addressed at the January 8th Youth Council meeting.

Discussion held regarding the format of the third training session.

Consensus agreed, without objection, to invite the Mayor and City Council to the third training session.

Chair Ziegler agreed to send the invitation.

Discussion held regarding the third training session as follows:

- Delegating topics to Youth Council Members
- Determine questions for the elected officials at the January 8, 2021 meeting
- Administrative Contact Griglin will forward the questions to the elected officials prior to the third training session

**Spring Gala Location – Sandra Greiner
Sun Splash Family Waterpark Manager**

Chair Ziegler welcomed Ms. Greiner and stated the Youth Council would like to try to utilize City resources and services for their Spring Gala. She further inquired if it was possible to host the event at Sun Splash in March 2021.

Ms. Greiner addressed the Youth Council as follows:

- Sun Splash will open March 6, 2021 and will be open every day during spring break
- COVID-19 guidelines will remain in place
- Masks required
- Social distancing guidelines adhered to
- Sun Splash can accommodate 1,650 people in the park
- A full-service kitchen is available
- The Pavilion can comfortably hold 300-400 people and include a dance floor
- Evening Event
- The Pavilion can accommodate tables, seating and a stage
- The date should be booked in January 2021

Advisor Mazurkiewicz inquired what the cost would be for 250 people in the Pavilion with a moderate food menu.

Ms. Greiner replied approximately \$15-\$20 per head.

**Southwest Florida Community Foundation
Shelley Lachmann**

Ms. Lachmann reviewed the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Program as follows:

- Part of the Cape Coral Mayor's Scholarship Fund
- Providing scholarships since 1985
- More than 300 scholarships totaling more than \$800K have been awarded

- Work with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to assist with scholarships through senior year
- Scholarship of \$4,000 distributed over four years.
- Scholarship of \$2,000 distributed over two years for Technical schools
- Applications are available online at <https://capecoralmayorscholarship.com/>
- The Southwest Florida Community Foundation houses the scholarship application which will place applications into all available scholarships
- Available to Cape Coral residents only
- The deadline for applications is January 11, 2021

Vice Chair Bradish inquired how many scholarships are awarded each year.

Ms. Lachmann stated eight scholarships were awarded last year.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz informed the Youth Council high scores on SATs are not required for some scholarships. There are many scholarships available for different areas of interest and advised the Youth Council and their fellow students to apply.

Student Recognition Program

Chair Ziegler stated it was important to continue the program.

Committee Member Dougherty stated this should be added to next month's Agenda when the Communications Director was present.

Junior Project Continued Discussion

Chair Ziegler opened the floor for Member discussion.

Administrative Contact Griglin requested the Youth Council Members send her an email on which events they would like to participate. She reiterated that in order to maintain social distancing requirements, only five Members should attend an event.

Senior Project Continued Discussion

Chair Ziegler opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chair Bradish suggested the Youth Council begin planning decorations and event date, which can be discussed at the January 8, 2021 meeting.

Discussion held as follows:

- Communications Director to advertise the event as soon as possible
- Possible Tropical theme to incorporate Spring colors
- Funding and sponsors for the Event
- Online sales for the Event

Ms. Greiner clarified that the price she offered the Youth Council would include the decorations. She further stated she would advertise the Event on Sun Splash's Facebook page.

Vice Chair Bradish suggested that the Youth Council continue to donate a portion of the funds received from the Event to Blessings in a Backpack.

Chair Ziegler agreed.

Communications Director Viera arrived at 3:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Ziegler asked the Members for topics to be considered for the next meeting agenda.

Committee Member Russell suggested adding the delegation of FLC duties to the next meeting.

Committee Member Spoor suggested adding the Quarterly Report to the next meeting Agenda.

Chair Ziegler suggested the Student Recognition Program, continue the Junior and Senior Project discussion, and an update from the Special POPs Volunteers.

Committee Member Roh suggested adding the questions for the FLC third training session.

Chair Ziegler added Adopt-A-Road to the next Agenda.

Consensus agreed, without objection, for Chair Ziegler to work with Administrative Staff to coordinate the items for the next meeting's Agenda.

REPORTS

Committee Member Spoor stated that she will be attending January's Adopt-A-Road session.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Communications Director Viera informed the Youth Council she will begin working on the Youth Council's social media platforms.

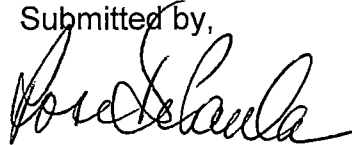
TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by,



Rose DePaula
Recording Secretary