

City of Aurora- Aurora Youth Council
City of Aurora
Conference Room A
2019-4:40 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Adam Pauley, Amanda DuVall, Arleth Rodriguez, Jake Kelly, Juliana Salinas, Jo Balmuri, Kaushal Gumpala, Margarita Medina, Mohini Shanker, Safa Zaman, Saher Zaman, Symone Barnes
City of Aurora staff present: Dr. Adrienne Holloway

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Jake Kelly welcomed everyone. Fire Chief Krienitz and Deputy Chief Gilbert came to speak.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Jo motioned to accept the agenda, Adam seconded.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adam motioned to approve the minutes, Amanda seconded.

4. SPEAKERS

The Fire Chief and Deputy Chief of Aurora came to speak about the Aurora Fire Department and the opportunities within the field. Being a firefighter can be demanding work because they work a 24 hour shift and then get 48 hours off. Every third day they work no matter what. This can be beneficial because firefighters receive a lot of free time during the week (ex: part time jobs) but hard because family and obligations cannot be put over the crew and the shift.

Starting salary is \$66,000 and after 5 years they make around \$100,000. This is due to all of the education and work that goes into becoming a firefighter. Receiving a penchant is another benefit, due to their low life expectancy and dangerous tasks they must answer. Fire Chief Krienitz feels that through the grueling work and the hard things he has had to see, saving children, delivering babies and putting out fires are what makes it worth it. Being a firefighter pays off through the service given to the community and the lives positively impacted by their work.

5. ELECTIONS

No elections were held.

6. PROJECT IDEAS

A committee for Earth Day was created for 2019.

The Aurora Public Library on Eola would be okay with hosting the book drive that Jake suggested. The only thing the council has to do is be responsible for taking the books and moving them. The book drive will be a council wide project and Jake will look into schools to donate the books to for the February meeting.

A committee for the May Youth Forum was created. Mohini suggested doing student polling to see the concerns of youth and what they find relevant so that the committee could base speakers and conversations around those concerns and ideas.

Mohini suggested making a calendar to schedule events throughout the year to create more engagement and a broader idea of what the council is doing overall. Jake, the secretary, could attach minutes and agenda to the calendar.

The secretary could also use the Aurora Youth Council website (in progress) for the group calendar and a place for documents.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

Safa's STEM committee will be held over the summer.

Adam will be asked for an appropriation of dollars for the Youth Summit project. This will be pushed back to May at the Crisco Center. Speakers, community leaders, politicians and teachers to teach on certain topics. ex. conflict resolution will be in attendance and a major component of the summit. It will start 9:30am and Jo Balmuri and Adam Pauly will also be speaking. Adam is asking for up to \$500. Mohini motioned to accept the appropriation, Symone seconded.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The youth council is going to begin recruiting for replacements for the senior members. The council is looking to have the new members by May with a brief social so the council can become comfortable with each other.

Former Mayor Tom Weisner has passed away. Condolences go out to his family, the council thanks him for his service to his community.

9. ADJOURN

Amanda motioned to adjourn, Adam seconded. The meeting was ended at 5:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2019