

City of Aurora- Aurora Youth Council
City of Aurora
2nd floor Conference Room-Council Chambers
Wednesday April 10th, 2019-4:30p.m.- 5:24 p.m.

Members Present: Adam Pauley, Arleth Rodriguez, Jake Kelly, Jo Balmuri, Kaushal Gumpala, Mohini Shanker, Nathan Hastings, Safa Zaman, Saher Zaman, Symone Barnes, Cole Grizzell

City of Aurora staff present: Dr. Halloway, Deanna Cross

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jo welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mohini motioned to accept the minutes, Saher seconded.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam is postponing the youth summit due to a rushed process. Date has not been decided yet.

The Youth Stem Committee talked about postponing their event due to people being out of town. They are thinking of postponing the event until the fall. Mohini thought of inviting companies to come and run the event instead.

Jake formed a committee for a community book drive to give back to schools in Aurora. Mohini and Arleth joined.

5. PROJECT IDEAS

The Aurora Youth Council is looking to replace the senior members of the council from Oswego East, Aurora Christian Schools, West Aurora, Batavia, Metea, and Waubonsie. They are also looking for applicants from Rosary and Marmion Academy, as there are no members from these schools on the council. Interviews for the youth council will be held in the second week of June and will be 30-40 minutes long. Nathaniel Hastings will be the council's representative.

Executive board council members were asked to start to prepare their presentation to city council and to think about topics they'd like to cover. It was also suggested that they start developing a calendar of activities so that events can be planned in advance and the council can successfully complete projects in a timely fashion.

On Saturday April 27th a personal safety seminar for high school seniors is going to be held at the Prisco Community Center from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Awareness, threat assessment, right away protection, and practical application training will be covered by Andre Walters who is the Chief Instructor of Highly Classified Fitness. Saher motioned to accept co-sponsoring the event, Nathaniel seconded.

The Aurora Youth Council would like to try to implement ideas on how to make Aurora greener and more sustainable.

In the fall, pilot presentations will be held about what people working in Aurora do for their careers. The council would like to expand on it and bring representatives from all over aurora to talk on what they do. Some ideas to improve the presentations were to have them come in every other meeting, council members come in with questions, adding/shortening speaking time, and adjusting meeting time to allot speaking time to representatives.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Symone Barnes is a part of a youth group called Girls Run the World. On June 1st, they are hosting a 5k walk/run at the Phillips Park Aquatic Center to support the girls in the club and in the city of Aurora as a whole. Early registration is \$25. More information can be found at www.girlsruntheworldaurora.org

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adam motioned to adjourn the meeting, Safa seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8th, 2019