

Richmond Youth Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2015

6-8 p.m.

City Council Chambers



Present: Councilman Romero, Councilwoman Binalinbing, Councilman Rodriguez, Councilwoman Luna, Councilman Picouveau, Councilwoman Garcia, Councilwoman Gutierrez, Councilman Jackson.

Tardy: Councilwoman Vera, Councilwoman Tejada.

Absent: Councilman Berry, Councilman Garcia.

Youth Council Liaison: Añgela Cox.

A. Call to order – Joseph Jackson.

At 6:10 PM.

B. Approval of minutes from December 1, 2014 and December 15 meetings.

Minutes from December 1, 2014 and December 15, 2014 have been approved.

C. Open Forum for comment: Anyone who desires to address the Council on matters not listed on the agenda.

Cordell Hindler came to invite members of the Richmond Youth Council to the Arts and Cultures Commission, to work with the Youth Leadership Committee and their annual celebration at the end of may, and the RNCC's next meeting on February 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers.

Alex Knox, director of community relations came to greet and observe the Richmond Youth Council.

Staff Liaison, Añgela Cox discussed the need for any actions related to the Council be undertaken with the entire body in mind. Business cards and other supplies or requests should be made for all members.

D. **Districting and Sponsorships** – Joseph Jackson.

Councilman Jackson moved that Richmond Youth Council members are responsible for reporting events in their neighborhood and communities to the council. In addition, if an organization would like to use agenda time, a council member must sponsor them.

The item was seconded by Dante Romero. All members voted in favor for item D.

E. **Richmond Youth Court Presentation.**

Patrick Seals came to discuss the Richmond Youth Court. It was created to provide the youth with certain infractions, fines, or citations to be judged and represented by their peers and be punished reasonable, whether that be community service, a letter of apology, or restitution. If said youth doesn't carry their punishment through, they will face the juvenile system. It is mirrors the justice system and is an effective way for the youth to have charges mediated by their peers, and is a large program in the city of Oakland.

F. **Sub Committees** – Joseph Jackson.

Councilman Jackson moved for the creation of these subcommittees to divide workloads and assist with decisions: Subcommittee of Attendance Review to manage attendance related issues, Subcommittee of Bylaws to add or remove bylaws, Subcommittee of Finance to assist and make recommendations where to allocate funds, Subcommittee of Project Management to research on costs and necessities for projects and events. Subcommittees can meet anytime they like. Each subcommittee is formed of one chair member and two general members.

Councilwoman Tejada moved to add the Outreach subcommittee to collaborate with other organizations, seconded by councilwoman Vera. After a roll call, council members voted 4 approvals and 6 disapprovals – Councilwoman Tejada's motion failed.

Councilman Romero seconded Councilman's Jackson's motion.

All 10 council members voted in favor for Jackson's motion.

G. **Sub Committee Appointments** – Celeste Luna.

Co-chair Luna agreed to take the role of Subcommittee Liaison and nominated Councilman Singh for Subcommittee Chair of Finances, who

declined; Councilwoman Garcia for Subcommittee Chair of Project Management, who accepted and was approved unanimously; Councilwoman Vera for Subcommittee Chair of Bylaws, who accepted and was approved unanimously; and Councilman Dante Romero, who declined. Councilwoman Tejada nominated Councilman Rodriguez, who accepted but was disapproved after role call with 5 approvals and 5 disapprovals. Councilman Romero nominated himself and was approved after role call with 7 approvals and 3 disapprovals.

Councilwoman Vera nominated Co-Chair Luna who declined.

Councilwoman Tejada nominated Deputy Secretary Binalinbing who accepted and was approved unanimously.

Appointment of subcommittee general members was made, with Councilman Rodriguez and Councilman Signh in the Subcommittee of Finances and Co-Chair Luna in Subcommittee of Bylaws, leaving one vacant seat. The subcommittee of project management and the Subcommittee of Attendance review are both vacant with two seats each.

H. **Representation of RYC to City Council of operating budget** – Justin Rodriguez.

Councilman Rodriguez voiced his need for two more members to help him present to the City Council in order to secure a budget for the Richmond Youth Council. Staff Liaison, Añgela reported that there will not be a presentation, but Richmond Youth Council members are needed to answer along with the Staff Liaison should members of the City Council have questions. It will most likely happen in the month of March. Chair Jackson has agreed to be one of the representatives. Staff Liaison, Añgela reported that a staff of the Richmond RYSE center has agreed to come to support the Richmond Youth Council with acquiring a budget.

I. **Term of Officers**

There was a moment for council members to to decide on the term limit of officers. Councilman Romero moved to put this item aside and seconded by Councilman Jackson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

J. **Council photo for informational brochure** – Angela Cox

Angela Cox would like to remind the Richmond Youth Council members who have not turned in their release form to finish it and email it to Angela_Cox@ci.Richmond.ca.us or Richmond Youth Council Secretary Picouleau y.pico.mail@gmail.com.

K. **Human Rights and Human Relations Commission invitation.**

The Richmond Youth council will need to reply to their invitations and present to them what the Richmond Youth Council is and what it does. Chair Jackson motioned to present to the HR and HRC, seconded by Co-Chair Luna and approved unanimously by all Richmond Youth Council members.

Julissa Garcia has agreed to present to them.

L. **Adjournment**

At 8:08 PM.