

CITY OF RICHMOND

Youth Council Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM



**Members:**

Alondra Alvarez

Eduardo Castellon

Latrinity Gulley

Fatima Lopez

Ashley Moore

Alishba Sardar

Mian Shah

Satine Walz

**City Council  
Liaison:**

Melvin Willis, Vice  
Mayor

**Staff Liaison:**

Trina Jackson  
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Vincent Aguilar  
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**A. Call to Order**

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Alondra Alvarez, Ashley Moore, Alishba Sardar & Satine Walz.

**C. Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

**D. Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker)**

1. Cordell Hindler introduced two community events. First, the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council hosts a Hug-a-Bear Holiday Dinner, on December 6, 2018. Mr. Hindler also mentioned a Holiday Gathering hosted by the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, which will occur on December 10, 2018.

**E. Discuss status of proposal to eliminate library fees**

Satine Walz presented findings and research regarding the elimination of library fees. Cordell Hindler also pointed out that we should know in the middle of December about specifics on library fee reform. The Library Director may bring the item to the Richmond City Council for review in December or soon thereafter.

**F. Presentation from the RYSE Center about RYSE membership and the Leadership Institute**

The RYSE members highlighted the Leadership Institute, which is scheduled from February 19 - 22, 2019. RYSE membership and services are free and only requires the person to be between the ages of 13-21, have a photo ID and fill out some paperwork. The RYSE group also expanded on the four main categories of programs: Education and Justice, Youth Leadership and Advocacy, Media, Arts and Culture and Community Health. Certain areas of services, such as voter engagement, educational assistance, RYOT (Richmond Youth Organizing Team), graphic design, and personal counseling and other health services are provided by RYSE. RYSE members describe the organization as a safe space, where youth individuals can grow, be heard and become empowered. The Youth Council members were encourage to join RYSE.

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**G. Discuss Youth Council Participation in the 2019 Women's Day Celebration**

Liaison Jackson expressed that the planning committee is excited to have the Youth Council participate. She discussed how each year the activities and speakers change. The Youth Council brainstormed on activities for the celebration, some include an open mic, spoken word performances, trivia/bingo, dancing performances, a chalk art mural and a spirit squad showcase from local high schools. Liaison Jackson will forward the ideas to the Women's Day Planning Committee.

**H. Discuss status of peer interviews**

Peer interview forms were passed out to members who have not obtained them. Packets have been received by Members Sardar and Lopez.

**I. Distribute W9 Forms for Quarterly Stipends:**

Staff Liaisons Aguilar distributed W9 forms and vender forms, as well as reviewed the forms and process for obtaining stipends for Youth Councilmembers. The stipend is \$30 for each meeting attended. The stipends will be distributed on a quarterly basis.

**J. Youth Council Member reports and announcements**

Member Alvarez: Beach cleanup is postponed due to the poor air quality and weather. The cleanup will be rescheduled at a later date. The Youth Council was reminded that two weeks' notice before an event is necessary to organize city resources.

**K. Recommended topics to discuss at an upcoming meeting and confirmation of the next meeting date – Dec 18, 2018**

**L. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm