

CITY OF RICHMOND

Youth Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 26 2019

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Room



Members:

Alondra Alvarez

Eduardo Castellon

Fatima Lopez

Ashley Moore

Alishba Sardar

Satine Walz

**City Council
Liaison:**

Demnlus Johnson
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AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Present: Alondra Alvarez, Eduardo Castellon, Ashley Moore, Fatima Lopez

C. Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Individuals who want to comment on an item listed on the Agenda, may do so by during Open Forum. The standard amount of time for each speaker, in either instance, is three minutes.

D. Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker)

Cornell Hindler spoke about the Humble Boy production, playing at CCCT until March 10th, 2019. Mr. Hindler also mentioned the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council meeting on March 7th and the library commission on March 12th.

E. Presentation from Jessie Stewart about Richmond Promise

Miguel from Richmond Promise presented to the youth council. Miguel explained that the main goal of Richmond Promise is to empower Richmond students by providing scholarships, college prep skills, resources and mentoring throughout the college career of the participants. Richmond Promise also hires around 12 students to hold classes to 8th graders, in order to prepare middle school students for high school and to show the high school students how to present and teach to younger students. Miguel was then asked for the requirements to participate in the Richmond Promise scholarship. The requirements are as follows: the students must live in Richmond or North Richmond, must graduate from a public, private or charter high school within the WCCUSD boundaries, must have attended an eligible school since the 9th grade, and has to have completed the FAFSA/Dream Act application by the deadline. The scholarship is up to \$1,500 dollars per year. Miguel then explained the importance of improving college access by having students teach, assist, and mentor younger students, both before and during their college career. The community colleges in the area, as well as some local universities, have Richmond Promise students who are also mentors and representatives of the organization. This improves the support system that Richmond Promise provides to its participants, as well as the promotion of Richmond promise on college campuses. Total, there are over 900 Richmond Scholars nationwide. One of the goals that Richmond Promise is working on is to establish a community learning space and an academic coach in each campus that has a Richmond Promise participant. Youth Councilmember Lopez asked for more information on other programs for college students, and Miguel replied that Richmond Promise offers two separate internships, with 12 students hired.

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Ambassadors also help with financial aid and college applications. Richmond Promise plans to team up with different organizations, such as the Freedom School, working with 3rd graders to improve literacy. Richmond Promise teaches high school students how to apply for FAFSA, as well as the CA Dream Act.

F. Update on RYSE Leadership Institute and Internship, February 19th to the 22nd

Youth Councilmember Moore attended the institute and talked about the food and entertainment provided. Liaison Jackson asked what was the most valuable takeaway from the Institute, and Moore responded that the school pipeline was the most important takeaway, and how it affects us as students. Liaison Jackson reminded the Youth Council that it is fine if the councilmembers decide not to attend the institute or another important event, but it is preferable to let us know if you will be attending or not.

G. Discuss Sisters in Solidarity Women’s Day Participation

a. table host

Liaison Jackson explained that hosts will host a table with eight seats. We ask if each host can bring five people as table guests. Hosts should be there in order to host the guests. One of the main purposes of the hosts is to provide outreach about the youth council to the community.

b. spirit squad showcase

Salesian’s Cheer squad is confirmed to perform, if any other dance team wants to perform liaison Trina has to know before Friday of this week.

c. sign-ups

For the art project, we do have an artist that will sketch the design. People will have the option to color or draw on the mural. As only two youth councilmembers will be hosting, the sign-up sheet will not be needed.

H. Status of removal of library fees by the public library

Liaison Aguilar reached out to the library, but has not gotten a response. This is a slow process and a councilmember should ask the library staff, but for now, we do not know on the status of removing library fees.

I. Youth Council Member reports and announcements

Youth Councilmember Alvarez asked for guidance about where to seek help for internship or educational opportunities. Youth Councilmember Moore suggested Alvarez get in touch with RYSE.

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J. Recommended topics to discuss at an upcoming meeting and confirmation of the next meeting date – March 26, 2019

Youth Councilmember Moore stated that she will be away at a college trip, and Youth Councilmembers Alvarez and Lopez will be busy at an internship. Thus, the youth council would like to move the next meeting up by one week, to March 19th, 2019. Liaison Aguilar will discuss the proposal with Liaison Jackson.

J. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.