

City of Gulfport, Florida

Teen Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

The Meeting of the City of Gulfport Teen Council was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at Gulfport City Hall, 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Nolan Slone called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

Roll Call

Present was Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, Savannah Roderick, Nolan Slone, Taryn Spence, Abigail Zigmund, Advisor Marivel Gutierrez and Councilmember Christine Brown.

1. Public Session.

There was no Public Session.

2. Advisor Report. Advisor Marivel Gutierrez reported:

Marivel Gutierrez introduced new member, Savannah Roderick and welcomed her to the Teen Council.

Marivel Gutierrez asked the Teen Council if there was a way that the meeting day could be changed to either a Tuesday or Thursday due to conflicts with family schedule. Teen Council discussed the request and concurred to change the meeting day and time to the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Marivel Gutierrez mentioned that City Council approved a new playground for Clymer Park in this year's budget and asked the Teen Council to review a potential design of the playground equipment and fitness equipment. Teen Council reviewed and discussed the design of the playground and liked that the equipment was visually open and that it offers a diversity of active activities than a regular playground.

3. Consent.

a. Consider approval of the Teen Council Meeting minutes of September 11, 2013.

Nolan Slone read the consent agenda.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, second by Taryn Spence to approve the consent agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR.

4. Elect Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Elections began with Taryn Spence nominating Nolan Slone for Chair, second by Savannah Roderick. Then Abigail Zigmund nominated Elizabeth Brown-Worthington for Chair, second by Savannah Roderick. Marivel Gutierrez announced a tie and then asked for another re-vote. Taryn Spence again nominated Nolan Slone for Chair, no second. Then Abigail Zigmund nominated Elizabeth Brown-Worthington for Chair, second by Savannah Roderick. Elizabeth Brown-Worthington elected Chair.

Nolan Slone nominated Taryn Spence for Vice-Chair, second by Abigail Zigmund. Taryn Spence elected Vice-Chair.

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington nominated Abigail Zigmund for Secretary, second by Savannah Roderick. Abigail Zigmund elected Secretary.

Taryn Spence nominated Savannah Roderick for Treasurer, second by Elizabeth Brown-Worthington.

5. Community Service Project – Mural

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington asked the members if anyone had brought in any designs for the mural. No one responded so Elizabeth asked if they could bring them in to the next meeting in December for review and discussion.

6. Old Business.

Taryn Spence asked if there was any update on the Teen Council shirts that was discussed in a previous meeting. Marivel Gutierrez mentioned that she was looking into a shirt company that already has the City seal as a template so it would cut down on the cost. Marivel also mentioned that she would provide further update at the next meeting.

7. New Business.

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington brought up the topic of members that have not been attending the meetings and asked what the policy was for that. Marivel Gutierrez mentioned that with the new Resolution, City Council changed the wording so that the Teen Council could decide to forfeit a member's membership if they fail to attend two meetings. Marivel also explained that she has not received any calls from any members when they are not going to attend a meeting. She also included that there is a message on the Teen Council's letters that states if they are unable to attend the meeting to please call Marivel at her phone number. Elizabeth mentioned that she would like to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Christine Brown asked the Teen Council if they would like to mention the events that they have volunteered for like the City's Birthday Bash and the Veteran's Day Parade.

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington mentioned that she and Taryn Spence volunteered at the City's Birthday Bash; that she and Taryn volunteered for the Recreation Center's Halloween Bash and that her, Taryn and Savannah Roderick volunteered at the Veteran's Day Parade by carrying the Chamber of Commerce's banner.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Motion by Nolan Slone, second by Abigail Zigmund to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR.