

CITY OF RICHMOND

Youth Council Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, July 22, 2021

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Room

This meeting is held in a building that is accessible to people with disabilities.

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| <p>Members:</p> <p>Ozmar Huerta, Chair</p> <p>Chandra Davies, Vice Chair</p> <p>Jocelyn Khansouvang, Public Relations Director</p> <p>Sebastian Dalvand, Finance Director</p> <p>Kashaf Iqbal</p> <p>Mian Shah</p> <p>Sofia Pereda-Zanni</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Demnlus Johnson III, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Liaison:</p> <p>Trina Jackson (510) 620-6581</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AGENDA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740213400?pwd=S05rR2YxOHV1RmNtSjdZLzlaUWpDdz09 Meeting ID: 827 4021 3400 Passcode: 04222021</p> <p>A. Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5:04 pm by Ozmar <p><i>Until further notice, meetings will be held remotely. Please contact Trina Jackson for additional information at 510-620-6581 or trina_jackson@ci.richmond.ca.us</i></p> <p>B. Roll Call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Guests introduces themselves<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jacquelyne Vera, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Joan Binalinbig, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Anu Olabode, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Nabila Sher, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Meka B, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Molly Zhang, presenting representative of the WCAP coalition○ Dr. Raymond Chimezie, representative of Health for Schools and Communities Foundation○ Cordell Hindler, public speaker ● Present: Ozmar, Chandra, Sebastian, Sofia● Absent: Jocelyn, Kashaf, Mian <p>C. Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cordell Hindler<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update: 4 possible vacancy candidates<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Will to get them interviewed before September council meeting○ Inviting youth council to council of industries tour○ His project is coming along well. Ozmar and he will meet on 8/9 <p>D. Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion to approve minutes by Ozmar● Seconded by Chandra● Yes: unanimous, motion passes <p>E. Presentation from WCAP Coalition on Upholding Vaporizer Ban in Contra Costa Country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● “Uphold Ordinance No. 2019-34”<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prohibits the sale of tobacco vaping products, and others○ Was passed 12/19/19 thanks to lots of youth support○ Went over the risks of vaping and cannabis youth |
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- Included statistics
- Covered how youth are targeted
 - Anu shares a testimony and some comments from other peers as well
- “Why we want to uphold ordinance”
 - Less vaping products sold means less access for youth
 - Would send an important message to the rest of the Bay Area about this, that we can do it
- How to get involved
 - Would like RYC to submit a letter of support to the CCC Board of Supervisors
 - Public comment on July 27th, 9:00 am at the board of supervisors meeting
 - Request a meeting with the board of supervisors who represent
 - Any youth community members can join meeting with Supervisor Anderson (San Ramon area)
 - Asking for young people to voice their comments on July 27th
 - Can sign up to receive texts
 - Contact jvera@bacr.org, ewebb@bacr.org
 - On Instagram: @bacr_wcape, @drugfreeconcord
- We can use a template or make our own or both
- Ozmar asks when it went into effect, how it is enforceable?
 - Jacky explains they give stores a couple of months to sell off inventory and after a certain time, they can't have certain products in stock.
 - Enforced by sheriff dept.
- Ozmar motions to support the coalition's work in uploading ordinance No. 2019-34
 - Chandra seconds the motion

F. Presentation from Raymond Chimezie, Ph.D., of Health for Schools and Communities Foundation

- Dr. Chimezie applauds the previous presentation and commends their work
- Presentation: “Developing Resilient Richmond Youth”
 - Society is built on the youth
 - Commitments:
 - Promote healthy schools and communities
 - Prevent youth behavioral risks through health education
 - Support human development in low-income communities
 - Partner with local stakeholders to source and effectively use resources to support youth developments
 - Programs that target youth
 - Education and job training: mentoring, scholarships
 - Violence prevention and response
 - Health and well-being
 - Youth leadership/internship
 - Organizing and civic engagement
 - Environmental health and justice
 - What we can do together
 - Improve educational achievement: educational is correlated to job and living standards and good health
 - Provide mentorship and career plan

- Problem: graduation rate of Richmond students is low
 - RYC can ask, “how can we help?”
 - Health and safety: provide health programs that reduce youth behavioral risk factors (gun violence drugs tobacco use alcohol bad sexual habits dating violence bullying etc.)
 - Education is the power that can make you make a decision
 - Youth tobacco use is rising
 - Contact: infohealthfsc@gmail.com
 - www.healthfcs.org
 - Ozmar expresses appreciation and agreement and asks where Dr. Chimezie sees RYC helping support
 - Trying to incorporate a comprehensive health education, even if it’s just a summer program
 - If the city can’t promote us maybe we can have programs in schools, reach out to churches, we want to be able to take traction from the RYC audience
 - Dr. Chimezie expresses hope for RPA trying to establish an internship program
 - Ozmar confirms they are talking to school district and summer program
 - Dr. Chimezie encourages to follow the model of people come in and speak, except peer to peer
 - Coming and talking about college and career
 - Put something in place and start doing whatever is possible
 - Ozmar: let us know what we can do to get the ball rolling. Possible joint meetings
 - Anu Olabode will be on the WCCUSD student council next semester. Can try and get in contact with student board and district on how they can bring this info to the schools. Would be a huge success to get them in support
 - Dr. Chimezie stresses the importance of researching who is connected to who, as someone who left the board and went to work for the tobacco company
 - Ozmar agrees with Anu that the student board would be a great connection, and would result in a good impact quickly
 - Anu can help get in contact and more info by next year
 - Dr. Chimezie expresses that kids need to have their fears addressed. To be shown how to get back up on their feet
- Ozmar motions to extend the meeting to 7:00 pm
- Seconded by Chandra

G. Officer and Staff Liaison Reports

- Chair
 - RPA meeting to discuss environmental policy has been formulated
 - Yesterday the air pollution board voted to reduce Chevron cat cracker emissions by 70%
 - Yesterday had Contra Costa Young Democrats meeting and they are looking for people to join
 - They will be at the grassroots fair in September
- Vice-Chair
 - Air Pollution Project
 - Met with Mr. Soto again
 - Contacted his contacts

- Have a timeline that will become more detailed in terms of set dates after we get responses from the contacts
- Public Relations Director (Ozmar gave the report for Jocelyn)
 - Would like newsletter up and running or at least infrastructure out for new PR director
- Treasurer/Finance Director
 - In the past month we've put together our budget proposal and estimated yearly budget for FY 2021
 - Waiting for Ms. Trina's feedback
 - Ozmar: can maybe reach the City attorney's office
- Staff Liaison (Ms. Goodmiller for Ms. Trina)
 - She did stipends before she left and they will be in the mail

H. Review and formally Vote on Bylaws

- Motion by Ozmar for a name vote to bylaws them into effect and pass them to the city attorney for review
 - Chandra: yes
 - Sebastian: yes
 - Sofia: yes
 - Ozmar: yes
- Passes unanimously

I. Vote and Adopt Resolution of Support for the Reimagine Richmond Public Safety Task Force Proposals

- Motion by Ozmar for a name vote to adopt this resolution of support
 - Chandra votes yes
 - Sebastian votes yes
 - Sofia votes yes
 - Ozmar votes yes
- Passes unanimously

J. Vote on Proclamation of Condemnation of the recent actions, rhetoric, and leadership of Councilman Nathaniel Bates and Mayor Tom Butt

- Motion by Ozmar for a name vote to publish the Statement of condemnation
 - Chandra votes yes
 - Sebastian votes yes
 - Sofia votes yes
 - Ozmar votes yes
- Passes unanimously

- Motion by Ozmar to vote to extend meeting to 7:30
- Seconded by Chandra

K. Grassroots Fair update

- The room we wanted wasn't available
- Nicholl park was the other option, but it would be beneficial to have it in a place where student traffic is guaranteed such as Richmond high schools gym
- We would also need a bit of help from the city to plan, specifically Ms. Trina's guidance
- We will have to move it to September
- Motion to move grassroots fair to September by Ozmar

- Seconded by chandra

L. Review Annual Report and delegate presentation slides for 7/27 City Council Meeting

- Not enough people are here to do a full review
- Will have a prep meeting on Monday 7/26 (4:00 pm) the day before we present

M. Discuss upcoming resignations and recruitment efforts

- Ozmar will resign at the end of August after our next meeting
- Sebastian will resign 3rd week of August
- Jocelyn will resign around the same time
- Two prospective members with applications submitted, awaiting approval
- Plus one who's in limbo and one who Ozmar recruited today

N. Assign Councilmembers to vacant Youth Council Committees

- Sofia will join the public relations committee

O. Upcoming agenda items – Youth Council members may indicate if they would like to bring an item before the Youth Council for discussion.

- Oktoberfest planning meeting
- Back to school drive planning meeting
 - Partner with RYSE and rich city rides
 - Could probably plan both at the same time and with grassroots
 - Possibly in person
- Grassroots fair update

P. Confirm next meeting date (4th Thursdays)

- August 26th at 5:00-6:30 pm

Q. Announcements and Adjournment

- Ozmar adjourns the meeting at 7:14 pm