

Richmond Youth Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015

6-8 p.m.

City Council Chambers



Council Members: Councilman Romero, Councilwoman Binalinbing, Councilman Rodriguez, Councilwoman Luna, Councilman Picouleau, Councilwoman Gutierrez, Councilman Jackson, Councilwoman Vera, Councilwoman Tejada, Councilman Singh, Councilman Garcia, Councilwoman Ng, Councilwoman Moton.

Council Members Absent: Councilwoman Garcia

Council Members Absent With Advanced Notice: Councilman Berry, Councilwoman Moton

Youth Council Liaison: Añgela Cox.

- A. **Call to order – Joseph Jackson.**
- B. **Agenda Review and Approval of minutes** from February 16th meeting
Chair Jackson moves to correct the date from March 15 to March 16.
Councilman Romero seconds
All council members vote in favor.
- C. **Open Forum for comment:** Anyone who desires to address the Council on matters not listed on the agenda.
Guest speaker: Cordell Hindler.
He is working with the mayor to see if anyone would like to be part of these commissions: Parmalady commission, Design and review board, arts and cultures commission.
Guest speaker: Larry Lewis
Larry Lewis, a supporter of the creation of the Richmond Youth Council, came to thank and to compliment the Richmond Youth Council. He also

reminded them to advocate for not just for the Richmond Youth Council but all the youths of Richmond and offered his assistance if needed. He wished the youth council to focus on youth jobs and education.

Guest speaker: Doctor Ebifude Imarayi

Doctor Ebifude Imarayi is trying to get an audience with the mayor to discuss a project about The Sister City organization to help cities and abroad projects to reach the goals of the organization. He says that the education and the culture is where the youth play an important place. He hopes that the youth council will be able to mobilize and influence city council to approve this project.

Guest speaker: Honorable Deborah Campbell

Vice chair of the board, Honorable Deborah Campbell came also on behalf of Sister Cities. A lot of youth groups that help deal with issues that Richmond and the Richmond Youth Council should be able to help Nigeria and experience the culture and help with important projects like medical missions. She tells her experience and how she adopted his hospital and an orphanage. She emphasizes that this could be important experience and a good chance for cultural immersion.

Chair Jackson moves to have Staff Liaison Cox relay this information to the Human Relations Commission (HRHRC) and to table this conversation until the next meeting of next month to hear the results of the HRHRC meeting. Councilwoman Levi seconds the motion.

All council members vote in favor unanimously.

D. **Yearly Calender**

Angela suggests to create a month for hiatus.

Chair Jackson suggests that we utilize the month of June for a month of hiatus.

Councilman Romero reminds the youth council to tell Secretary Picouleau, Deputy Secretary Binalinbing, or Chair Jackson if they will be present, tardy, or absent.

Councilman Rodriguez asks about last minute changes to the yearly calender, from which Chair Jackson explains that the calender isn't permanent and open to change.

Co-Chair Luna asks how we will choose the hiatus month. Chair Jackson responds that they will decide based on vote.

Councilwoman Tejada asks how will they access the calendar. Chair Jackson responds that it will be on Google calendar and will be available to all council members after tonight.

Staff Liaison Cox adds that they will need to add the ends of terms, all of the activities, and to add the yearly report in the middle of the month of September. Chair Jackson asks if any of the Sub Committees have assigned dates that they can add to the calendar, from which they agree to discuss in the next item.

Chair Jackson moves to accept the recommended hiatus month of June. Councilman Romero seconds the motion. All council members vote in favor unanimously.

Co-chair Luna asks if they are allowed to add the vacation date beyond their term, from which Chair Jackson responds that they can only create events or dates in their term.

Chair Jackson moves to adopt the item for the yearly calendar, councilwoman Garcia seconds the motion. All council members vote in favor except for Levi out of absence.

E. Sub Committee Reports

Project management:

Councilwoman Garcia, chair of the Subcommittee of Project Management requests input for any of the current events.

Sub Committee of project management will meet every second Tuesday of every month.

Outreach Sub Committee:

Chair Jackson asks Councilwoman Tejada, chair of the Subcommittee of Outreach for her plan for her sub committee, who says that she plans on getting the contact information for the various guest speakers

Finance Sub Committee:

Councilman Romero, chair of the Subcommittee of Finances will be at tomorrow's City Council meeting.

They also will meet on the first Friday of every month

Councilman Romero asks if there are any events that will need a budget to show that the Richmond Youth Council requires funds and will be able to manage funds.

Angela reminds that she will be administrating the money.

Chair Jackson asks for the members of the sub committee, whom Councilman Romero responds that Rodriguez is the only one on the Sub committee.

Sub Committee of By-laws:

Councilwoman Vera reports they will meet the first Wednesday of ever month.

Chair Jackson reminds the council should find a process for how councils will present and that sub committee meeting's they won't be open to the public.

Chair Jackson asks for that all of the sub committees report to him once a month unless there is a substantial amount of decisions and events to report on.

Chair Jackson states that officers will be able to join the Attendance subcommittee.

Deputy Secretary Binalinbing has been appointed on the Sub Committee of Attendance with Councilwoman Ng.

Councilwoman Ng asks about the redistricting of Council members, from which Chair Jackson responds that they will need to contact Secretary Picouleau. He adds that if a council member would like to redistrict themselves and there isn't another council member would like to take, then the redistricting request will most likely be denied.

Chair Jackson asks if any council members will submit for reappointment will need to submit by September 23rd.

F. Bylaw Review Session

Chair Jackson says that it is an action item where people can make suggestions to change the current bylaws. He reminds the Council of the technology policy – council members cannot use electronics or cell phones for personal uses unless in an emergency; attendance policy – council members cannot miss three consecutive meetings then the council will meet to discuss an action, unless they have an excused absence; dress code policy – council members will need to dress in business-casual for special occasions.

Chair Jackson suggests there needs to be penalties for breaking the policies. From which Chair Jackson asks if they should create a penalty for using phones that involves paying the council. Councilwoman Garcia suggests that they will need to see if a council member is caught five times, then they will be need a meeting to determine the penalty, she also

asks who will be looking for noting those who break the policies. Chair Jackson says that all council members will be responsible for maintaining the bylaws but the Bylaw review Sub Committee will be creating the penalties.

Council Liaison suggests that they can table this item to give time for creating bylaw reviews.

Councilwoman Vera motions to the next item. Councilwoman Tejada seconds the motion. All council members vote in favor.

G. Logo/seal and review to use print shop of Councilman Garcia

Secretary Picouveau moves to table the item because of the absence of Councilman Garcia.

Chair Jackson seconds the motion and the council approves unanimously.

H. Adjournment

Staff Liaison suggests to end the meeting before 8 to deal with sub committee discussions.

Adjournment at 7:55