

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council

September 19, 2015

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on September 19, 2015 in the Lynwood Roberts Room of City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attending

Neil Allen, Aaron Anderson, Nisreen Atallah, Kashuan Bledsoe, Lisa Cross, Maria Dawson, Jamie De Nisco, Kayley Delay, Tatsuwa Deverson, Essence Duncan, Dashaun (Angel) Edwards, Bryan Gros, Jayla Hall, Katie Hecht, Vincenzo Hernandez, Marilyn Heth, Maeghan Holzbaur, Kevin Holzendorf, Warren Hornsby, Dwight James III, Kush Desai, Davontae Major, Victor Mills, Kaci Cartwright, Jacori Jernigan, Scott Gann, Tanisha Mugwimi, Joel Oliver, Faith Ortego, Anthony Paul, Christopher Prattos, Justin Ransom, Vanessa Ruales, Diarra Samb, Austin Sams, Natalie Stokes, Daziyah Sullivan, Katelynn Thigpenn, Tatum Thompson, Sara Upp, Shamara Wilburn,

Staff Attending

Chardae Hancock, Dr. Charles Moreland, Andrew George

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. with an introduction from Chardae Hancock. She introduced the YLAC President Tatum Thompson and she welcomed the new group of YLAC. She talked about YLAC and the excitement she has for this year.

Chardae Hancock introduced Ms. Rebecca Ziegler senior training specialist for the City of Jacksonville. She proceeded with an Introduction to government presentation. The members were able to ask questions and engage in discussion with Ms. Ziegler.

Chardae Hancock introduced Kristin Murray and Selena Webster-Bass who presented Cultural Competency: Through a Different Lens. The members participated in various activities and they also watch a quick film on YouTube called, "Silent Beats." The members had to discuss their perception of the film and talked about stereo- types that were presented in the film. They also completed a Cultural Diversity Self-Assessment Inventory which determined how each member valued diversity. There were other activities and the members were very active in engaged. The members were able to reflect on what they had learned in and activity called the "Ah-ha Moment." See this attachment. (It was also emailed to all of the members)

Dr. Moreland the Director of Community Affairs addressed the students around 1:15 p.m. and he introduced Mayor Lenny Curry to the members. Mayor Curry discussed his appreciation for the council and he is confident that the members will be very helpful to his administration. He stated that if they have any issues, they should also create a solution, so they can help direct him in solving youth oriented issues for the City of Jacksonville. The Mayor addressed each question. In his conclusion, he further

reiterated that the council will need to create a plan to that will address the issues. Many of the members addressed the disparities in the education system and how there needs to be change. Mayor Curry stated that he is working with Dr. Vitti to address some of these issues. Mayor Curry also stated that he would get Dr. Vitti to attend one of the YLAC meetings.

Keiser University spoke with the members about their academic programs and their ACT practice tests. If members were interested in participating, they were given contact information.

Chardae Hancock discussed the Sunshine Laws and the expectations of the YLAC Members for 2015-2016. She stated that members can communicate outside of the meetings, but they cannot discuss issues they vote on. She also discussed the Public Records Law and who would be exempt regarding personal information. She then had the members break off into groups and write down issues youth have in the city of Jacksonville. Each group had to present. (Please see copy and an email was sent to all members) She stated the members could run for office at the next meeting and vote for committees. She also passed out Media Release form.

Members who participated last year in the council were given an opportunity to answer any questions the new members posed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of YLAC is noon, October 17, 2015 at the usual City Hall Location in the Lynwood Roberts Room.