



Minutes - May 8, 2024

Call to Order: Supervisor Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Supervisor Towns, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson, Mary Gut, Julie Grandeffo

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Erin Conway and Brad Meier

Others Present: Supervisor Rich Bostwick, Sheila Williams, Lisa Johnson, Sheryl (no last name provided), Manuel Casares

Approval of Agenda: Mark Dykstra moved to amend the agenda by moving the Election of Chair and Election of Vice Chair ahead of Approval of the Minutes on the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. Amended Agenda is Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Chair: Supervisor Sutterlin nominated Supervisor Wilson for Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee Chair. Supervisor Wilson accepted the nomination. Supervisor Towns moved to elect Supervisor Wilson for Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee Chair by unanimous voice vote. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Vice Chair: Supervisor Towns nominated Supervisor Sutterlin for Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee Vice Chair. Supervisor Sutterlin accepted the nomination. Max Olson moved to elect Supervisor Sutterlin for Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

2024-03-13 2024-04-03 Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Committee Minutes: This item was considered after the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the April 3, 2024 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Mark Dykstra. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Discussion and Presentation of Other Existing Programs in Rock County with Similar Goals – League of Women Voters and Other Civics Rock County Civics Initiatives: Lisa Johnson, President of the Northern Rock County League of Women Voters, expressed her interest in this program with their organization's interest in civics education for our children and adults, and offered the league's support. Chair Wilson shares that there are other similar organizations out there with civics interests, such as the Rock County Civics Academy that are interested in this committee and could provide support, resources and partnerships going forward.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Desired “Outcomes” from YIG Program: The committee discussed a variety of desired outcomes from the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program with the intent of providing the context for the program outline. It was suggested to look specifically at three outcomes: the youth outcome, the adult who's working with the youth outcome, and the organizational outcome. Additional topics of discussion included: participation inclusivity that includes all youth in the community, age of participants, hopes to develop leadership skills, adults to learn how to mentor, learning how local government works and having the youth bring something back to their peer/school, sharing of multiple perspectives for the benefit of all and better decisions, allowing youth to discuss policies, allowing youth to vote and have a voice, program duration matching the election term, and youth enrollment and/or nomination for participation options.

Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Handbook Outline and Contents: The committee discussed a variety of organizational topics for the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program with the intent of developing the outline or framework of the program. It was suggested to streamline the document contents to reduce redundancy by separating the process (timeline from the roles and responsibilities.

Discussion and Possible Action on Recommended Next Steps: The committee discussed and generally agreed that the Education & Veterans Committee would be an appropriate fit for the Rock County Youth in Governance Program oversight and will invite the Chair of that committee to attend the next meeting to discuss further. The committee also agreed to share a working Youth in Governance Program Guide document among the committee members for comments and suggestions on the same document for collaboration. Erin Conway volunteered to consolidate the existing comments and suggestions from Chair Wilson and Max Olson into the working Youth in Governance Program Guide document. Once consolidated, the document(s) will be shared with committee members for input.

Next meeting date and time - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 5, 2024: The committee agreed to change the next meeting date and time to 4:30pm, Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Adjournment: Mark Dykstra moved to adjourn at 5:20 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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