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Mayor's Youth Council

April 8, 2020
3:30 – 4:30pm

Teleconference | MEETING ID: 789 069 8440 | DIAL IN: 312-626-6799

Members Present: Paige Donahue, Sadie Donahue, Allison Taylor, Caleb Keuntjes, Ashlyn Southworth, Grace Mortenson, Lauren Ontl, Jillian Engelbright, Claire Freeh, Rachel Marten, Clare Wiedmeyer, Kloey Daliege, Caroline Bovee, Dennis Matott, Kayla Kerkman, Hobie Lippold, Harrison Sullivan

Advisory Members Present: Zach Vruwink, Emily Kent, Nick Davis, Mary Wolosek

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

COVID-19 Update

The mayor provided an update on the work the City is doing to provide resources and information to the public, while keeping City employees safe. The City is learning to be flexible, serving the people from home, teleworking and practicing social distancing. The City is partnering to provide accurate information to large networks of people and figure out ways to provide financial relief for businesses and people.

Project Recap

- Snowman Contest: It has been difficult to finish the contest due to stay at home order. Voting is happening now and Allison is working with the City to get prizes finalized. Winners will be posted on social media to create some buzz.
- Cancelled: Skate with the Mayor: Cancelled due to COVID-19 and we are not planning to reschedule.

Possible Projects

Emily will send a communication to Youth Council requesting that they self-select which projects they would like to work on, including leadership roles. Project groups will be asked to provide updates on their projects and request support as needed.

- Movie Nights: Possible venues are Robinson Park and the Aquatic Center. Pros of having it at the Aquatic Center would be access to power and concessions. We can set a date of July 1st or later. If we want to set a date earlier in the summer, we will need to wait to see if there are any extensions to the stay at home order.
- Ticketed Aquatics Center Preview Night: This would be a ticketed donor invite with heavy appetizers. They wouldn't use the pool; it would be an exclusive fundraising event. Tickets would be at a premium and working group may consider an invite-only structure. The date

should be set in advance and moved, if needed. Youth Council would host or co-host, supporting marketing activities and day-of logistics along with an Aquatic Center fundraising committee.

- Creative Ideas During COVID-19 Pandemic: Emily will send a communication to Youth Council requesting that they self-select which projects they would like to work on, including leadership roles. Project groups will be asked to provide updates on their projects and request support as needed.
 - Community Cleanup: This could be done independently or with immediate family. Youth Council could take pics of their work and share on social media. This could also be used to recruit new members.
 - Thank You to Healthcare Workers: Possibly create a video from the community?
 - A world of hearts: Social media movement, spreading love and support across the country, while social distancing. They have a hashtag and a Facebook page. Hearts can be created in a wide variety of ways – including chalk drawings, painted rocks, paper cut-outs in windows and photography. Bringing new energy to the pandemic.

Youth Council Recruitment & Active Members

Recruitment is usually done at the end of the school year in person, but will need to adapt if COVID-19 closes schools longer. Emily and Mayor will review membership list for active and inactive members to identify how many slots are available. The Youth Council usually makes a recruitment video, which we will discuss further in the May meeting.

Set Next Meeting and Agenda

May 13th, 3:30 – 4:30pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.