

THE HILLS YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING – Sunday, December 11, 2016

In attendance: Michelle Chang, Bella Downer, Dane Spencer Kaitlyn Rouse, Emily Powell, Alec Prescott, Miranda Prescott, & Kendall Thompson.

Village of The Hills: Eric Ovlen, Mayor; Wendy Smith, New Village Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Michelle Chang, Chair.

Introductions: Wendy Smith was introduced as the new Village Manager, starting on January 9, 2017. Wendy gave an overview of her background, including her time as a youth commissioner in Lubbock, Texas.

Minutes of November 13, 2016: Dane Spencer moved the minutes be approved; Emily Powell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Emily Powell reported that \$16.50 had been spent on badges for the commissioners out of the \$5000.00 annual budget. Kaitlyn Rouse moved the budget report be approved; Kendall Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Open Meeting Training: Eric indicated that the commissioners needed to take the online Open Meeting training. This should be completed by the end of February.

New Member Recruitment: There are still seven additional commissioner positions available. The group discussed sending a letter, in either a formal or flyer format, directly to 9th and 10th grade students in the village. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Texas Municipal League Youth Advisory Commission Summit: Eric reviewed the program which will be held in Abilene, Texas on February 25-26, 2017. Most of the commissioners were unsure about their availability to attend the conference. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Hills Country Club: Alec Prescott and Emily Powell attend a meeting at the Hills Country Club with General Manager, James Walsh. Eric also attended. Programs for youth were discussed and ideas will be pursued at a later date. The group talked about ideas on how to get teenagers more involved in the community. Also, the manager would like to get to know the commission and is excited to host more teen events. Some ideas included a new community resort style pool with a lazy river, water slides, and a snack shack. They were also thinking of putting on a Halloween event for teens.

Charity Program: Several ideas for a charity program were discussed. The commissioners will talk among themselves to decide how to proceed. (Note: Subsequently, the group was able to support a local family with gifts for their six children).

Time Capsule: A time capsule was discussed and may be considered again before the end of the school year. Some ideas were to put in news from this school year, like Lake Travis winning the State Championship.

Park Projects: Ideas for helping the park were discussed. The commission will schedule a tour of the park to see if there are things they could offer to do

Tour of Emergency Facilities: The idea of touring the regional emergency center facilities was discussed. The group would like such a tour and suggest that Spring Break, after the holidays, or during one of our meetings might be the best time.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 4:30 pm in The Village Conference Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Bella Downer, seconded by Kendall Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlyn Rouse, Secretary

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Michelle Chang