Youth and Family Affairs Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.
Lawton City Hall, Banquet Hall

Members Present: Jeff Elbert, Rick Lowe, Brenda Myers, Dianne Owens, Lisa Shaw, Davison Virgil, Woogie Burgess (Administrative Assistant).

Members Absent: Onreka Johnson, Willie Smith

Technical Advisors Present: Albert Johnson, Jr., Chris Chen

Guests Present: Mayor Stan Booker, Nate Jones, Kim McConnell

I. The meeting was called to Order at 5:32 pm by Rick Lowe, acting as Temporary Chair. Upon roll call vote, a quorum was determined to be present, and public notice requirements have been met.

Chair and Administrator Report: Administrative Assistant Woogie Burgess reported briefly on the status of the procedure for setting the YFAC Report and Recommendations on the Agenda. Burgess and Lowe discussed the phone conversation they had with the University of Oklahoma National Resource Center for Youth Services (OU-NRCYS), a national training program for youth services offering curriculum training similar to that offered by Search Institute of America. OU-NRCYS is submitting a proposal for the YFAC's consideration.

II. Approve minutes from December 14, 2021 meeting

The first item addressed was approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting of the YFAC. A motion was made by Lisa Shaw to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting of the YFAC. The motion was seconded by Rick Lowe. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

III. Business

A. The first item considered was whether to recommend to the Lawton City Council funding of any applicants to the YFAC following site visits. After full discussion of each applicant to which site visits had been made by YFAC members, the following action was taken:

Motion was made by Jeff Elbert that the YFAC does not recommend funding to Teen Court at the present time, based upon the current application and program. The motion was seconded by Dianne Owens. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

Motion was made by Davison Virgil that the YFAC recommends funding to Cameron University in the amount of $50,000 to fund the Cameron Leadership Academy as outlined in the program application submitted to the YFAC, subject to slight revisions in the manner in which students are referred to the program, to be by counselors, teachers, and the Comanche County Juvenile Bureau. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Hankins. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

Motion was made by Jeff Elbert that the YFAC recommends funding to Marie Detty in the amount of $97,660 to fund the Gang Intervention/Prevention Program as outlined in the program application submitted to the YFAC. The motion was seconded by Brenda Myers. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above, with the exception of Dianne Owens, who abstained.

Motion was made by Dianne Owens that the YFAC recommends funding to the Greenwood S.T.E.M. and Entrepreneurship Program in the amount of $14,998.94 to fund the Greenwood Project as outlined in the program application submitted to the YFAC, subject to slight revisions in the manner in which students are referred to the program, to be by counselors, teachers, and the Comanche County Juvenile Bureau. The motion was seconded by Davison Virgil. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

Motion was made by Jeff Elbert that the YFAC will not recommend funding to All About Understanding at the present time, based upon the current application and program. The motion was seconded by Dianne Owens. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

Motion was made by Jeff Elbert that the YFAC will not recommend funding to Stop Spot Ministries at the present time, based upon the current application and program. The motion was seconded by Brenda Myers. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

Also under Item III.A., the YFAC considered whether to reconsider any applicants not previously selected for site visits. After discussion, the YFAC did not take specific action on this item, but asked Sylvia Burgess to begin visiting with each of the applicants to assist them in considering resubmitting the proposals, and to provide other resources available for funding.

B. The second item of consideration was the timing for review of any new applications received. Upon full discussion, motion was made by Lisa Shaw that the YFAC will consider applications when received, and will make periodic recommendation for funding to the City Council based upon availability of funds. The motion was seconded by Brenda Myers. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

C. The next item considered was the annual election of officers. Motion was made by Mary Ann Hankins to extend the terms of current officers, Onreka Johnson, Chair, and Willie Smith, Vice Chair, until the annual meeting in June 2022. The motion was seconded by Davison Virgil. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

D. The next item considered was setting the annual meeting date. It was noted that the Agenda incorrectly stated "annual election of officers, but the Possible Action clarified that the discussion was about the Annual meeting date, time and place. Motion was made by Dianne Owens to set Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in Lawton City Council Banquet Hall, as the annual meeting date, time and place for 2022. The motion was seconded by Brenda Myers. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

E. The next item considered was setting a deadline date for notification to Sylvia Burgess, YFAC Administrator, of interest in serving as an officer of the YFAC for the one year period beginning the date of the annual meeting June 2022. Motion was made by Brenda Myers set Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., as the deadline for submitting notice of intent to run for an officer position in YFAC. The motion was seconded by Davison Virgil. Discussion ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by all members present, as noted above.

IV. Other Topics – general questions, input. None

V. New Business. None

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Temporary Chair Rick Lowe at 6:47 p.m.