

## **Minutes**

### **Youth and Family Affairs Committee**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

### **Videoconference and Teleconference: Zoom**

**Members Present:** Onreka Johnson, Rick Lowe, Brenda Myers, Dianne Owens, Lisa Shaw, Ernie Sherman, Willie Smith, Woogie Burgess (Administrative Assistant).

**Members Absent:** Robert Gorrell, Jeff Elbert,

**Guests Present:** Eloisa Soto, Amanda Nunez, William White, Frank Myers, Debra Johnson, Bernita Taylor and MIGHT team

This meeting was conducted via teleconference/videoconference for all committee members and members of the public to attend. Notice was posted as required by law with the City of Lawton City Clerk's office.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Committee Administrator Woogie Burgess explained that Chair Onreka Johnson would not be with the meeting at the beginning due to a scheduling conflict with City Council. Rick Lowe had agreed to serve as temporary Chair until Onreka is able to join.

Rick introduced Eloisa Soto, winner of the YFAC logo contest. She spoke to the group in appreciation of the opportunity to participate in the contest. Committee members thanked her for her work, and congratulated her on winning the contest. The Mayor will arrange to send the \$100 prize to her.

Frank Myers, Debra Johnson and Bernita Taylor introduced themselves.

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E. The first item of business was to consider approving the minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting.  
Dianne Owens moved to approve the May 4, 2021 Committee meeting minutes; seconded by Willie  
m Smith, and by roll call vote, unanimously approved by all members present (as noted above).

## **II. Business**

A. The first item under Business was to discuss setting the day, time and place for future meetings, based upon changes to the emergency provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. After full discussion, Lisa Shaw moved that the YFAC meetings be set on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m., to be held at the Lawton City Hall, 212 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The motion was seconded by Willie Smith. Upon roll call vote, all the motion was unanimously approved.

B/C. The next item of business listed on the agenda was to discuss the Search Institute of America ZOOM follow-up and clarification call with Chair Onreka Johnson, Rick Lowe, and Woogie Burgess (held on May 12, 2021). Rick and Woogie discuss the call, and explained that SIA apparently needed further clarification, and would proceed to develop a proposal for the Committee to consider. They also explained that SIA would not assist with developing the application, or in setting requirements, but would provide training to help organizations develop programs that aligned with the 40 Developmental Assets and other SIA principles. Woogie indicated she would move forward with revising the application, and would have it ready for the Committee to consider at the June meeting. Since the application was not yet ready for review, the Committee passed on considering any action relating to the application.

- D. The next item of business considered was the process for electing Committee officers. After discussion, the Committee decided that the Committee would have a Chair and a Vice Chair, as provided by the Ordinance. It was the general consensus that individuals would contact Woogie Burgess directly if they wished to be considered, and that the group would vote on officers at the first meeting in June. Since the Ordinance directed the election of a Chair and Vice Chair, a motion was not necessary, and no action was taken. Willie Smith offered to serve as Vice Chair, and his name will be placed on the slate or ballot for the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- E. The next item of business considered was development of operating rules or bylaws for the Committee. After general discussion, Woogie offered to draft bylaws to be considered by the Committee as a whole at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Since a subcommittee was not determined to be necessary, no action was taken.
- F. The next item of business considered was appointment of Technical Advisors, as authorized by Ordinance 21-03. Members discussed various types of Advisors that might be needed to carry out the Committee goals. It was determined that two individuals in attendance as guests, Frank Myers from United Way, and Debra Johnson from the Oklahoma Department of Health, both having specific expertise in issues related to at risk youth, were experts that should be considered. Their names will be placed on the slate for consideration at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. In addition, it was determined that Committee members could email Woogie Burgess with nominations of others to be considered at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It was not determined to be necessary to take a vote on opening nominations, and that nominations would remain open on an ongoing basis. The Committee will vote on the first group of nominees at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Onreka Johnson joined the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and resumed the Chair responsibilities.

- G. The next item of business was to hear presentations by the MIGHT Community Development and Resource Center. The presentation was part of the continuing opportunity for YFAC to gather information about what resources have been used to assist at-risk youth in the community. MIGHT is a faith-based nonprofit organization in Lawton, Oklahoma, that collaborates with government agencies, churches, fellow partners, and other community organizations to address the needs of families and individuals. The presentation included speakers and video with testimonials on how MIGHT has been effective in assisting the at-risk youth population.

III. Following the presentation, Chair Onreka Johnson called for any other items of general input or discussion. None were presented.

IV. New Business. No new business was introduced for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

***Next meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 5:30 p.m., Lawton City Hall***

Attendance Method:

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Onreka Johnson - Videoconference         | Dianne Owens - Videoconference   |
| Jeff Elbert – <i>unable to attend</i>    | Lisa Shaw - Videoconference      |
| Robert Gorrell – <i>unable to attend</i> | Ernie Sherman - Teleconference   |
| Rick Lowe - Videoconference              | Willie Smith - Videoconference   |
| Brenda Meyer - Videoconference           | Woogie Burgess - Videoconference |