

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)

March 4, 2017

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on March 4, 2017 in the Lynwood Roberts Room of City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida commencing at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members Attending

George Lewis, Darien Glover, Ti' Tianna Mills, Khathalena Hin, Randi Alt, Victoria Laws, Anne Carter, Rashay Jenkins Jr., Myles Jackson, Chelyn McCants, Diamond Martin, Scott Gann, Christopher Young, Kiara Lloyd, Nardos Mechal, Matthew Alderman, Maria Dawson, Kioni Lloyd, Ryan Andrew, Jamaica Bell, Dionna Shine, Mark Wilkins, Tatiana Hudson, Kush Desai, Harrison Dinsbeer, Christopher Wright, Haley Pitman, Zi Lin, Christina Demps, Ahmari Johnson, Breanna Brady.

Staff Attending

Chardae Hancock

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Gann at noon. He asked for and received a motion to approve the minutes from March 4 meeting. He reminded the members to look over the attendance section and make sure it was correct. The minutes were not amended and were approved.

At 12:10 p.m. Scott introduced Vicki Burke JDAI Coordinator of the Department of Juvenile Justice. She discussed the process of how youth are processed in the juvenile justice system and that Florida Law affects youth and her job is to advocate so that youth do not spend 21 days in jail. She advocated to the members that there has to be other options than incarceration of youth, so the other option that has been created is the Evening Report Center. It's a male only facility that serves as an alternative to incarceration, for those that qualify. Vicki shared her passion for youth and change that she is looking to accomplish within the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Each committee is responsible for addressing issues and presenting their research to the council. At 12:45 p.m. the Mayor's Report Committee presented information on gang violence. They provided statistics and data supporting the need for intervention in the area of gang violence.

At 12:55 p.m. the Data and Research Committee presented information on obesity and how to combat obesity within the community.

At 1:15 p.m. Councilman Reggie Brown addressed the students about the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program and the Parks and Recreation Department. He challenged the members to get involved in their community and even attend City Council meetings. He stressed the importance of checks and balances and his desire to hear the voice of the MYLAC members at a City Council meeting.

At 1:30 p.m. the Mayor's Report Committee reported to Kerri Stewart Chief of Staff for the Mayor's Office a recap of their work and the project event that will be held on April 1, 2017 called *Jax Youth Improvement Movement*. The members provided specific details of the project, their needs concerning the budget, and making sure they are aligned with the Mayor to reach his goals. Kerri talked about in-kind dollars that would help support the council project and also donations that can also support the project financially. Kerri conveyed that the members and Mayor have concerns dealing with youth issues and that the members are moving parallel to the Mayor's vision. The members provided Kerri with the report and she will meet with the Mayor to discuss the project and the issues of the council.

At 2:07 p.m. the representatives from EVAC took the floor. EVAC stands for CAVE spelled backwards. This group was created for males at Lee High School by Amy Donofrio. The EVAC members are making national impact with their testimony and have been key players for changes in policy. EVAC members have met with the State Attorney, the Mayor, the Sheriff, Policy Makers in Washington D.C., and former President Barack Obama. Amy has challenged the members to dream big, identify issues, and move forward.

At 3:00 p.m. the members made a motion to view survey questions from last year. The members kept three of the questions and made motions and amended other questions. The questions were finalized and approved by the council. The members toured City Hall and Hemming Park with Mrs. Hancock. The members also took inventory of the tables and chairs in the Lynwood Roberts room.

Mrs. Hancock stated that there is an opportunity to create a promotional video and if the members were interested they could attend on Wednesday March 8, 2017; location was to be determined.

Closing remarks were made by the President Scott Gann. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of MYLAC is noon, March 18, 2017 at the usual City Hall Location in the Lynwood Roberts Room.