



**Agenda**  
**Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee**  
**310 Court Street, 1st Floor Planning Conference Room**  
**Clearwater, Florida 33756**

April 20, 2016

- I. Call to order 3:00pm
- II. Review and Approve March Minutes
- III. April BCC
  - A. Topic
- IV. County Conversation
  - A. May 3rd 7pm SPC Seminole
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

# **Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### *In Attendance:*

Advisors: Ramona Madhosingh-Hector, Whitney Creech, Comm. Gerard

Student Members: Brooke Jaffe, Dayita Wable, Heather Hare, J.C Pritchett, Justin Barlas,

Katelyn Trujillo, Kortney Mattox, Madison Blake, Nini Vo, Jennifer Ho

County Communications: Irena Karolak

### *Agenda Outcomes:*

#### *I. Call to Order*

#### *II. Review and Approve March Minutes – approved*

#### *III. April BCC – The April BCC meeting will occur on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. YAC members have been invited to come and speak to commissioners about a topic of their choice.*

- A. Topic – Group members were advised to give the commissioners input on the Pinellas County budget. The group decided that everyone would conduct individual research before attending the BCC meeting in order to give accurate advice to the commissioners. Group members attending will also inform commissioners on what they love about Pinellas County. Each speaker will receive three minutes to talk to commissioners.*

#### *IV. Community Conversation*

- A. *May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm SPC Seminole* – On Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Pinellas Board of Commissioners is holding a Community Conversation. It will occur at the Seminole location of St. Petersburg College from 5:30 to 7:00. From 5:30 to 6:00 the commissioners will hold a meet and greet and from 6:00 to 7:00 a public meeting will occur. YAC members are invited to volunteer from 4:30 to 5:00.

V. *Other Business*

- A. *Watershed Video Release* – Irena visited the group and announced that the watershed PSA is going to be released on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in celebration of Earth Day.
- B. *YAC Graduation Ceremony* – The 2016 YAC graduation ceremony will occur on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the courthouse. Members are scheduled to arrive at 5:15pm for a courthouse tour. YAC chairwoman Maddie Blake has been asked to prepare a speech to present at the graduation ceremony.
- C. *Future YAC Activities* – The group brainstormed ideas for what YAC should focus on next year. Maddie Blake advised for partial focus on community work, and partial focus on passing laws and bills. Dayita Wable suggested continuing environmental work. Brooke Jaffe recommended finding out ways to improve public education and Kortney Mattox said we should focus on absences. It was also advised to revisit Teens behind the Scenes for the 2016-2017 YAC group.
- D. *YAC Applications* – YAC members discussed ways in which we can reach students and influence them to apply to YAC next year. Jennifer Hu suggested maintaining a YAC Facebook page to reach out to adolescents via social media. Other members advised making “I am YAC” videos, having representatives at

freshmen orientations, putting up eye catching posters, getting more teachers to spread the word, and making YAC service projects open to non-YAC members.

VI. *Adjournment* – approved