Agenda
Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee
310 Court Street, 1st Floor Planning Conference Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756
November 15, 2017

I. Call to Order 3:15 pm

II. Review and Approve October Minutes

III. Presentation from Ranger Pam Traas, Parks Department

IV. Teens Behind the Scenes Update

V. Work on Presentations to Board of County Commissioners: Penny for Pinellas and Teen Auto Theft
   a. Split into groups
   b. Any other initial preparation needed

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjourn
In Attendance:
Commissioner Pat Gerard
Commissioner Gerard Exec. Assistant Whitney Creech
YAC Staff Advisor: Alyssa Bowers
Student Members: (see attendance sheet)
Speakers: Ranger Pam Traas

ADJENDA OUTCOMES –
I. Call to Order
Danielle LeVine, chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 3:19 pm.
Iris gave a brief overview of the previous month’s meeting minutes. The committee reviewed and approved October’s minutes.

II. Presentation from Pam Traas
Pam Traas gave an overview of the responsibilities of a park ranger and the importance the job has within our county. She emphasized the benefits of the occupation and how it is a good potential career for students who are not on the college path. Mrs. Traas passed around various objects to each YAC member and conducted us in mimicking a “frog chorus”. Mrs. Traas also educated the committee on the invasive plants and exotic plants in our parks and the impact they have on the ecosystems. She closed her presentation by explaining the love park rangers have for people and our environment. Peter commented on Brooker Creek’s great method of informing youth about the wildlife through volunteering. Danielle inquired about any Pinellas County parks designated for camping. Mrs. Traas explained the process of making a reservation at Fort DeSoto. She also explains the duties a park ranger has during natural disasters, such as hurricanes, and the obligations they hold during times of crisis. The committee thank Mrs. Pam Traas for her informative and fun presentation and presented her with a thank you card for her time and efforts.

III. Teens Behind the Scenes
Mrs. Creech gave us the dates and times for Teens Behind the Scenes events, as well as the criteria needed for the Pinellas County Jail Tour:
Jail – Dec 13, 2017 @ 3:15
Airport – Jan 10, 2017 @ 3:15

IV. Presentations to Board of County Commissioners
Danielle gave a brief recap of the two chosen presentation topics: Penny for Pinellas and Teen Auto Theft. The committee chose to split into two groups for each topic and use PowerPoint to present the research conducted.

Appendix 1 shows group members.
Commissioner Gerard emphasized that the Board of County Commissioners want our input on the research topics given. The committee chose to have one collaborative PowerPoint presentation with both of the topics. Justin recommended conducting initial research of background information over the given topics in preparation for December’s meeting. Commissioner Gerard informed the committee about the affordable housing project funds set aside from Penny for Pinellas and how YAC could present ideas about the funding.

Justin recommended having one spokesperson from each topic presenting the research conducted at the BCC meeting to maintain organization, rather than having each member walk up and share. YAC chose to create a collaborative Google Document to post links to research sites and articles. The link will be posted on the Youth Advisory Committee’s website to the public in accordance with Florida’s Sunshine Laws.

Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CIOiWx4iRLMivp0x7BjrURiS4jdJ-yrnhojpolyy ws/edit?usp=sharing

The committee also chose to break each research topic into separate slide sub-topics.

Appendix 1 shows outcome of slide sub-topics.

V. Other Business
Alyssa informed YAC about 4-H’s coastal cleanup on December 2nd from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This event entails kayaking around Weedon Island and cleaning up the beach while experiencing the island’s beautiful nature.

VI. Adjourn
Justin motioned to adjourn the meeting. The committee seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:13 PM.
APPENDIX 1
Research Groups & Sub-Topics

**Penny For Pinellas Committee**
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