

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
GREENVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
January 22, 2024**

The Greenville Youth Council (GYC) met Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in Conference Room 337, located on the third floor of City Hall. Members absent denoted by x.

Michael Brode-*
Kaiji Fu-*
Rihanna Knight-*

Jack Chen-x
Alex Guilford-*
Morgan Worsley-*

Carson Fraley-*
George Huo-*

Portia Willis, City Council Representative-x
Franchine Philpot Pena-*
Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-*

Chair Michael Brode called the meeting to order and **Ms. Cassandra Daniels, staff liaison**, called the roll and quorum was ascertained.

Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Michael Brode led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome/Introductions. Chairperson Michael Brode welcome all of the members to the meeting. Each member introduced themselves to the Council and welcome the newest member Rihanna Knight.

Revised Agenda

Kaiji Fu requested an item be placed on the agenda under new business. Kaiji stated he would like to ask the Council to considered giving support to a ‘Stop Arm Cameras Project’. A motion was made by Alex Guilford, seconded by George Huo, that the item be added to the agenda under new business. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Attendance Policy

Staff reported an excerpt from the Board and Commission Policy of the City is included with the agenda. The policy is there to remind members of their responsibility as a Council. Youth members were encouraged to read the policy to gain a better understanding of their requirement.

Video

The video will serve as a marketing and educational tool to increase the Council’s exposure and visibility. A script has been created by the Council and a copy is below:

Youth Council Video

Scene 1

Setting: Office

- Start the video with an attention grabber (i.e. rhetorical question): **Do you want to use your voice to positively impact our community?**

Michael: Hi, I’m Michael, chair of the Greenville Youth Council. Youth Council provides the Greenville youth to work amongst other young leaders who aspire to utilize our platform to address concerns and challenges within our community. Our mission is to encourage youth to get

involved in the community and local government; our vision is a community where every youth feels valued, empowered and connected.

Scene 2

Setting: Somewhere in the Municipal Building (walking around)

- **Why did you join?**

Carson: I joined the Greenville Youth Council because I was inspired by adult involvement I witnessed within the Human Relations Council and wanted to serve in a similar role.

George: I joined because the Youth Council gives me the chance to express myself in ways that I wouldn't be able to in other environments. I am able to work with others to create change based on my concerns and opinions!

Alex: I joined because it gave me an opportunity to branch out of my comfort zone and connect with members of my community through acts of service.

Scene 3

Setting: Outside City Hall/Chamber House

- **How has youth council impacted you?**

Morgan: Youth council has given me the opportunity to serve my community, connect with likeminded people, and build leadership skills.

Scene 4

Setting: Walking on bridge (everybody walks)

Joining Greenville Youth Council means becoming a better leader, to become a better you, in order to build a better Greenville!

Staff stated that Ryan Smith with the Public Information Office is the City's videographer. I have spoken with him regarding the video and he would like to assist the Council. Ryan's concern is that it gets dark earlier and it would be more challenging to have a variety of outdoor views.

Flyers

Creating a flyer or a variety of flyers about the Youth Council is an excellent way to raise awareness about the Council as well as increase and invite others to join and/or become more involved and engaged in dealing with issues/concerns that are youth related. Whatever the Council designs, it must be eye-catching and reader friendly so people will stop and take notice.

Community Projects

Members of the Council suggested a number of projects they would like to consider implementing before June. Those projects are:

- **Community Dialogues** (Partner with Human Relations Council and other agencies and organizations)
- **Volunteerism** (Cypress Glen Retirement Home, Third Street Academy, Sadie Saulter School, Food Bank, Pet Adoption, Adopt-A-Street, etc.)

NEW BUSINESS

Stop Arm Cameras Project

Kaiji Fu presented to the Council a proposal he believe will protect children riding school buses. The proposal's (Stop Arm Cameras) purpose is to install cameras on buses to raise awareness about how Stop Arm Cameras will keep children and the community safe. According to Kaiji Fu, a number of states are attempting to catch and punish motorists who pass stopped school buses. The Stop Arm Cameras, which are placed on the outside of the bus will record and punish illegal motorists who do not adhere to the "stop" sign on school buses.

Members of the Council agreed that cameras could provide an extra level of protection and safety for children and the community. Consensus among Council members is what are you asking of us? A few local government agencies (Greenville Police Department and Pitt County Sheriff's Office) were suggested as potential resources for the project. The Youth Council can create a resolution to show support for the project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kaiji Fu, seconded by Alex Guilford, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

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Human Relations Officer