

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
GREENVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
February 26, 2024**

The Greenville Youth Council (GYC) met Monday, February 26th at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in Conference Room 337, located on the third floor of City Hall. Members present denoted by * and members absent denoted by x.

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

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

Carson Fraley-*
George Huo-*

Portia Willis, City Council Representative-*
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 Jack Chen.

Revised Agenda

Kaiji Fu requested an item be placed on the agenda under old business. Kaiji stated he would like to ask the Council to considered giving support to a ‘Stop Arm Cameras Project’. This item was placed on the January agenda under “new business”. After the discussion, the Council did not confirm their support (how they would support) to the project. A motion was made by Kaiji Fu, seconded by George Huo, that the item be added to the agenda under old 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 and Cancellation of Monday, March 25th Meeting

The script for the video was provided to the members and is included in the January 22nd minutes. The video will serve as a marketing and educational tool to increase the Council’s exposure and visibility. Council members discussed making revisions and/or adding more to ensure everyone that wanted to speak would be allowed.

Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison suggested the Council establish two (2) dates/times that could be submitted to Ryan Smith for his consideration. After further deliberation (early release day, PCS Spring Break, private schools schedules) a motion was made by Morgan Worsley, seconded by Jack Chen, that the following dates are submitted to the Public Information Office for their consideration: Thursday, March 14th at 4:00 pm, and March 25th at 4:00 pm. Also, the March 14th and 25th (shoot video only @ 4pm) dates will replace the Youth Council’s regular meeting of March 25th at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

T-Shirts

Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison, stated T-Shirts for the Council and Advisor(s) can be ordered after receiving the sizes. The T-Shirts will have the City's logo with "Greenville Youth Council" engraved under the logo. Each member will receive a white tee shirt and a green polo/golf shirt.

Juneteenth

Staff informed the Council of the Juneteenth event that will take place on Saturday, June 22nd from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Youth Council and the Human Relations Council was asked to secure family friendly entertainment for the event. To ensure there was entertainment available for everyone, especially the youth, it was suggested that members of the Council submit some ideas for consideration. An item submitted by Michael Brode, Chairperson, suggested a Juneteenth History Exhibition. This will give a youth an opportunity to present information about Juneteenth and its significance in American history. Also, Mrs. Mildred Council and the Pitt County 4-H All-stars will have a tent where Juneteenth memorabilia and other information will be on display.

Alex Guilford, a Youth Council member, has volunteered to speak about Juneteenth on Saturday, June 22nd.

Stop Arm Cameras Project

At the January 22nd meeting, Kaiji Fu presented to the Council a proposal that would raise awareness regarding the importance of installing Stop Arm Cameras on school buses. The purpose for revisiting the item is to give the Council an opportunity to determine how they can support the project.

Kaiji Fu stated he would like to pitch the proposal to City Council. Staff liaison, Cassandra Daniels, stated he could present the idea to City Council. Since this is a personal proposal and not a project of the Youth Council, he would have to do it as a resident/citizen and not as a Council member. Also at the January 22nd meeting, it was stated the Youth Council could show their support by establishing a resolution in support of the project. After further discussion, a motion was made by Kaiji Fu, seconded by Carson Fraley, that the Council establish a resolution in support of the Stop Arm Cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members Orientation

Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison, stated new member's orientation will take place Monday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

Cassandra Daniels
Human Relations Officer