

## Youth Commission Meeting Minutes 2/5/2019

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**Commission members present:**

Brook Roberts

*Treasurer Caitlin Chung*

Caroline Wills

Cole Albaugh

Emily Sanger

Jacob Sawyer

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols*

*Chairman Stephany Janssen*

Sydney Pearson

**Commission members absent:**

Alissa Berman

*Secretary Owen Lee*

**Staff Present:**

Casey Colley

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols* motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Room 123 in the Frances Anderson Center, 700 Main St., Edmonds

*Jacob Sawyer* seconded that motion

*Motion passed unanimously*

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols* moved to make *Jacob Sawyer* interim Secretary

*Jacob Sawyer* seconded that motion

*Motion passed unanimously*

**II. MINUTES - Approval of 11/20/19**

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols* moved to approve 12/18/19 meeting's minutes with no revisions

*Jacob Sawyer* seconded that motion

*Motion passed unanimously*

*Chairman read the Native American Land Statement*

**III. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

- Councilwoman Laura Johnson
- Discussing Ms. Johnson's background in advocating for gun safety

- Icebreakers with Ms. Johnson as our new liaison

#### **IV. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL?**

- Plan to revitalize Highway 99
- 183 million dollar project
- Federal funding for infrastructure dropped
- Project divided into seven sections
- Safety is the primary concern
- New center median
- 10 million dollar price tag for median plus other safety measures
- Action item to approve Highway 99 changes passed unanimously!
- Changing building codes to allow waterfront hotels potentially
- Reviewing rules for city council procedure
- Trying to make City Council easier to understand for citizens

#### **V. DEBRIEF REPORT TO COUNCIL**

- Kaleb did a great job speaking
- The presentation was well-received
- We need an eventual date to present our proposals to council
- More confidence on future plans
- Commission needs to get out more general statements

#### **VI. ADVERTISING PLAN**

- Advertising could be improved
- Workload needs to be more evenly spread
- Advertising plan for recruitment needed as well
- Need tentative topics for next forum
- Need to reserve Library Plaza quickly
- Forum will likely be the week before Earth Day
- Set roles/format for advertising
- List over different advertising methods
  - Newspapers
  - Instagram
  - Flyers?
  - Schools - at least 1 person per high school (MHS, MTHS, EWHS)
    - Tackle feeder schools for high schools plus K-8/12 schools
  - Hard to target community college
    - Contact running-start counselor for EDCC
  - Post to My Edmonds Moms

- Local posters
- Advertising in Methodist Church?
- Edmonds Young Life

## VII. NEXT FORUM

- Hosted on week 10-17
- Thursday, 4 pm, April 16
- 3-7 including set-up and teardown
- 4 topics for Climate Change
  - Local Industry
  - Education in Schools
  - Individual Action
  - What the City Council can Do
  - General effects of Climate Change
  - General information on Climate Change in the intro
  - ~~—Sustainability~~
    - ~~—Define sustainability~~
      - Info on sustainable products
  - ~~—Effects on Natural Environment~~

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols* motioned to approve these details for our upcoming forum  
*Chairman Stephany Janssen* seconded that motion  
*Motion passed unanimously*

- Mental Health
  - School lacks in education on mental health
  - Kaleb is working on a taskforce for mental health
  - Shoreline has mental health resources at international health clinic
  - Specific mental health counselor at EWHS
  - MTHS has mental health specialists rotate in
  - MHS has a school psychologists
  - Lillian Ortiz Self - State Congresswoman interested in mental health
  - Looking into how budget is used for mental health
- Climate Crisis
  - Pull of Shane Hope's presentation to city council
  - Potential of declaring a climate crisis
  - Jacob, Brook, and Owen nominated for research
  - Presentation to be made around Earth Day
  - Presentation should be done before Forum

- Possible dates: March 24, April 7

**VIII. GIVING BACK**

- Promote an organization that helps those in need for two months
- More in-person community action

**IX. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS**

- March 8 - International Women's Day in Edmonds
- Held at the Edmonds Yacht Club
- Contact the School District Superintendent
  - Info on rape culture
  - Classes on sexual harassment/assault/rape/consent
  - Healthy ideas need to be encouraged in the school system
  - Youth agree that there is a fault in the education system
  - Bill in Washington Congress to introduce sexual health education as compulsory

**X. GROUP COMMENTS**

- Caitlin - March 1st: Film in Seattle that features March for Lives groups
- Brook - Question for Ms. Johnson: are all city buildings powered with renewable energy?
- Coal and natural gas trains still pass through Edmonds
- Resolution passed to urge federal officials to ban the passage of coal and oil trains through Edmonds

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Co-Chairman Kaleb Nichols* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm

*Jacob Sawyer* seconded that motion

*Meeting adjourned*