

**Ridgway Youth Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda**



Monday, February 8, 2021

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2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Anna Bartschi, Emma Berwanger, Christian Lindler,
Nerea McKnitt, Emmalee Taylor

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021 Meeting

Item 2 – Selection of Officers

Item 3 – Presentation from Alex Shelley, San Miguel Power Association

Item 4 – Discussion on YAC activities and projects

Item 5 – Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Discussion regarding goals to inform an “Action Plan” | Guest speaker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM #1



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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Town Manager Preston Neill called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and Youth Advisory members present were Emma Berwanger, Nerea McKnitt and Emmalee Taylor. Anna Bartschi and Christian Lindler were absent. Also present were Mayor John Clark and Town Manager Preston Neill. Christian Lindler joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021 Meeting

Emma Berwanger made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2021 Youth Advisory Council meeting. Nerea McKnitt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present. Anna Bartschi and Christian Lindler were absent.

3. Selection of Officers

Town Manager Preston Neill explained that according to the *Authority and Procedures*, the group needs to select its own Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor or, in the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem, will be the presiding officer of Youth Advisory Council meetings. This item was postponed to the next meeting since all members were not present for this item.

4. Local Government Basics Presentation

Town Manager Preston Neill gave a presentation on the basics of local government. The presentation covered a number of items, including but not limited to:

- Types of local government
- Local government services and regulations
- Ridgway services and form of government
- Town Council actions
- Open Meetings Law
- Master Plan
- Strategic Plan
- Town Budget

5. Meeting Requirements

The group had a conversation about meeting requirements and expectations. Since the meetings are recorded and posted to the Town's YouTube Channel, it was explained that if any member misses a meeting, the expectation is that they take the time before the next meeting to watch the meeting they missed on YouTube. Members were also encouraged to attend a Town Council meeting every once in a while, to stay up to date on current events and community issues.

6. January 13, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda Review

Mayor John Clark reviewed items on the agenda for the January 13, 2021 Council meeting. He gave background for each item and explained the type of action required for each item (i.e., motion and vote, direction).

7. Next Meeting Date and Time

Town Manager Preston Neill reminded the group that the next meeting would take place on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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8. Future Agenda Items

Town Manager Preston Neill briefly reviewed items expected to be on future meeting agendas. The items include:

- Discussion regarding future activities and community service projects
- Discussion regarding goals to inform an “Action Plan”
- Guest speaker
- Selection of Officers

9. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Youth Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 3:36 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #4



To: Ridgway Youth Advisory Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: February 4, 2021
Agenda Topic: **Discussion on YAC activities and projects**

SUMMARY:

Aside from advising local government officials, youth councils can implement and participate in a variety of activities. Some of these activities may include:

- Create a youth council publication to be distributed at local schools (i.e., newsletter) or as a leaflet in local newspaper
- Organize community service projects such as:
 - River and/or highway cleanups
 - Organizing drives (e.g., for food, clothes, school supplies, holiday gifts, etc.)
 - Volunteering at a food bank or shelter
- Lead a town-wide educational or advocacy campaign addressing a youth identified issue of concern (i.e., water conservation; global warming; school bullying/violence; reduce, reuse, recycle, etc.)
- Advocate for particular development projects on behalf of local youth (e.g., building a skate park or athletic field)
- Plan and organize fundraising events for youth-related development projects and/or charitable causes
- Organize a “Careers in Local Government” career day at local schools
- Act as liaisons between Town Council and local youth through school announcements
- Promote civic involvement of other local youth by spearheading civic-minded clubs/organizations in schools
- Maintain a local youth council website that provides relevant information to local youth