



TOWN OF DAVIE
**Youth Education and Safety Advisory
Committee Meeting**

Members of the Town Council may be present

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM

LOCATION: DAVIE PINE ISLAND PARK - MULTIPURPOSE CENTER - OAK ROOM (3801 S. PINE ISLAND ROAD
• DAVIE, FLORIDA 33328)

Tim Curtin, Chair	Present
Melody Chaykin	Absent
Dr. Arlene Amarant	Present
Dr. Robin Behrman	Absent
Javier Lasaga	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Jeffrey Pohlman, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director
Chad Pezoldt, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Assistant Director
Ian Fors, Fitness and Aquatic Coordinator
Jeremy Garcia, Fitness and Aquatic Operation Supervisor
Hilda Testa, Clerk Typist II

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Curtin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Javier Lasaga made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, YESAC meeting. Dr. Arlene Amarant seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Arlene Amarant made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022, YESAC meeting. Javier Lasaga seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

4. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Water Safety Poster Contest Judging

Mr. Pohlman acknowledged Ian Fors, Recreation Coordinator and Jeremy Garcia, Operation Supervisor, from the Fitness and Aquatic Center for their efforts in communicating with Town of Davie schools to implement the poster contest. Mr. Pohlman also highlighted the upcoming summer programs and lessons at Betty Booth Roberts Park. The Town offers the Swim to Slide program where free water safety classes are offered for

anyone not able to pass the swim test. With the help of a water slide to entice the children to want to learn to swim, the staff, which are all certified water safety instructors, taught more than 100 children basic water safety skills to pass the swim test to use the slides. The team at the Fitness and Aquatic Center does a great job with community outreach and looks forward to another successful summer. In addition, the aquatics staff also offers free swim lessons to employees of the Town.

The Committee then turned their attention to the entries of the poster contest and chose the top two entries from each age group. The theme of the contest was, “Don’t Go In, Unless You Know How To Swim.” First place winners received a \$50 gift card, and second place winners received a \$25 gift card. The winners will be recognized at the May 4, 2022, Council Meeting.

The winners are as follows:

K-1st Grade

1st place was awarded to Megan McSwain

2nd place was awarded to Olivia Hahnen Arps

2nd/3rd Grade

1st place was awarded to Ava Osborne

2nd place was awarded to Tanvi Negi

4th/5th Grade

1st place was awarded to Lara Rodriguez

2nd place was awarded to Gianna Oberstein

4.2 Bicycle Safety Event Recap

Mr. Pohlman gave a recap of the partnership with The Town of Davie and Broward County Parks and Recreation to offer a bike safety course. The program served more than 30 participants and included a family bike ride, music, activities and raffles. We look forward to next year where we hope more people will attend. The Town advertised this event on the Town website and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Facebook page.

4.3 Endowment Account Balance

Mr. Pohlman noted the account balance remains at \$33.00. The prize sponsorship check from Memorial Healthcare System will be deposited once received.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

5.1 Chair Curtain felt the Committee should bring items up for discussion at the next meeting relating to proposals and initiatives for the upcoming school year. Chair Curtain said he would be happy to reach out to Memorial Hospital to obtain funding for at least one program, hoping for possibly two programs to receive funding.

6. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:00pm
Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:00pm

7. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Dr. Amarant asked for an update on the Governor LeRoy Collins Farm Park. Mr. Pohlman advised the park is currently in the design phase; funding has been identified and allocated to start the site plan and design. Groundbreaking is anticipated within the next year. The park is slated to include agriculture and equestrian elements, a farmers’ market, teaching gardens and will be a school field trip destination.

The Van Kirk property, which is now Davie Wetlands, is also now in the design phase and will be moving forward along with the Farm Park.

Mr. Pohlman spoke about the Mayor’s Scholarship Fund for this year. The scholarship will be open to three public high schools in Davie. Submission will be due May 20, 2022. There will be two \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating students interested in public service. Winners will be notified by June 3, 2022, and recognizing the winner at the Town Council meeting on June 8, 2022.

Mr. Pohlman said the Mayor Paul had asked if the Committee would assist with reviewing the submissions and schedule a special meeting between May 20th and June 3rd. Mr. Pohlman will be reaching out to the committee members to secure a date. A quorum would be necessary to be able to review the submissions.

Dr. Amarant asked if the pool safety poster contest could take place one month earlier than this year, maybe in February 2023.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved

Chair/Committee Member