



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

**\*\*Members of the Town Council may be present\*\***

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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	Absent
Melody Chaykin	Present
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  
Alexander Pagonos-Ataman, Recreation Crew Leader  
Hilda Testa, Clerk Typist II

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

**3. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS**

Melody Chaykin made a ***motion*** to nominate Javier Lasaga as Vice Chair. Dr. Arlene Amarant seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Melody Chaykin made a ***motion*** to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, YESAC meeting. Dr. Arlene Amarant seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

**5. REPORTS**

Mr. Pohlman introduced Alex Pagonos-Ataman to the committee members as the new crew leader at the Multipurpose Facility.

**5.1 Mayor's Scholarship Recap**

The Town received eight (8) scholarship applications, with the Mayor awarding three (3) winners instead of the usual two (2) winners. Nicolas Cristia and Alex Soto, both attending Western High School, were each awarded a \$500.00 scholarship. The third recipient of this scholarship was Susan Rosano. Ms. Rosano graduated from Nova High School and was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Town plans to continue this program for next year and looks forward to awarding scholarship funds to deserving students.

## **5.2 Endowment Account Balance**

The Town incurred expenses for the water safety poster contest, offset by a donation from Memorial Health Care Systems in the amount of \$250.00, and contributions from the Town's textile recycling programs, which is ear marked for education and safety, totaling \$1,500.00.

The current balance for the endowment fund is \$1,531.00 for use on any future programs or initiatives. Funds not spent will be carried over from year to year.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts programs and Events Update**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Chess Challenge took place at the Multipurpose Facility on October 1, 2022. Approximately sixty (60) children participated from twenty (20) different municipalities. Each participating child is given a "pass-port" and as the child attends a municipality's chess challenge, their passport is stamped. At the end of the year, the children with the most stamps will be eligible for a special award.

The Town Halloween Happenings event is scheduled at the Town's rodeo arena on October 29, 2022. There will be a children's costume contest and a horse costume contest. The Davie Police Department will be on site creating children's ID badges; the mounted police will be on site allowing for positive community outreach for both Fire and Police.

The Town of Davie's Fire and Police Department are sponsoring a new community outreach event called "Trunk or Treat," located at the Public Safety Complex on October 30, 2022. There will be various fun events including music, food and treats from 6:00pm – 9:00pm while promoting safe trick or treating.

The annual Veterans' Day ceremony will take place at Veterans Park on November 11, 2022, starting at 10:00am. Parking is limited, a shuttle will be provided from the arena to the park. There will be an honorary speaker, various tributes to our veterans, concluding with a light lunch. The Town's Strategic Planning Committee is offering vouchers in the amount of \$25.00, from fifteen (15) restaurants redeemable for free meals to our veterans. The Town currently has 125 vouchers that will be available.

A fun event hosted by the Town of Davie's Fire Rescue Benevolent Association, Santa's Enchanted Fire Station features a donation and toy drive to benefit the Hope Outreach of Davie at the Fire Station 86 at Shenandoah Park on December 2, 2022. Games, activities, and pictures with Santa will be provided, as well.

The Lighting of the Greens event will take place on December 3, 2022 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm in front of the Aquatics and Fitness Center at Davie's Pine Island Park. This event will include a lighted horse parade, fun games and activities, Davie Fire and Police on site

with the mounted patrol unit also dressing up for the public. The holiday lights will remain on throughout holiday season. The local elementary schools participate in our tree decorating contest making ornaments with the theme of “Holiday Hoedown.”

The Town’s Movie in The Park series kicked off with the first event with approximately 150 families in attendance. PROOF READ

Our Construction Career Days will take place on October 25 and 26, 2022 at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds and hosted by the Florida Transportation Builders Association. Students from the tri-county area are invited to participate in this hands-on event. Various construction careers are highlighted, including engineers, contractors, large equipment operators and more.

The Town of Davie presented a “scary” haunted house exhibit at the Multipurpose Facility at Davie’s Pine Island Park. The South Florida Cloggers hosts the event and provides chilling fun for all.

The Town of Davie in conjunction with the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a hurricane benefit concert for those affected in Southwest Florida by Hurricane Ian. The concert will take place on November 6, 2022, with the details being finalized to include several bands performing at no charge to the Town. There is a small ticket fee at the gate. Additional fund-raising events will be taking place throughout the day. All proceeds will be donated by Neighbors for Neighbors and the Chamber of Commerce for those directly affected by the hurricane.

Additional events include the SE Circuit Rodeo Finals at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, the Town’s Craft Show at the end of the month and the Green Fair in the arena. There is also a new event called the Davie Jazz Brunch Cultural Event at the Old Davie School. On December 16, 2022 the Town will be showing “The Elf” as the feature film for our Movie In The Park event.

The New Year will bring us more events, including our annual Dr. Martin Luther King celebration to be held at Davie’s Pine Island Park. Working with local high schools, the Town will be hosting a poetry contest. The winners will be reading their poems at the event along with some other speakers.

The 2023 Orange Blossom will again be a three-day event, as well as the rodeo for two days in February. The Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2022 at Vista View Park. Activities will include safety demonstrations, a bicycle obstacle course, and an organized ride around the park.

Mr. Pohlman updated the committee with the participation numbers at the Aquatics Center for January through October 2022. The Town conducted 788 in house swim lessons; free lessons offered by Swim Central totaled 312 with the summer camps program conducting 905 swim lessons. The Town was able to provide swim lessons to a total of 2,005

participants. The participants are encouraged to make the following safe swimmer pledge regarding water safety.

- I pledge to never swim alone.
- I pledge to never play or swim near drains or suction fittings.
- I pledge to always dive feet first.
- I pledge to obey the pool rules.

We ask the student to recite the pledge, they are given safe swimmer cards with the pledge printed on it along with a safe swimmer certificate.

Mr. Pohlman reminded the committee to check the Town's website for upcoming events and activities.

## 6.2 Committee Initiatives

Mr. Pohlman advised the Committee that the school grant program will resume for the next school year with endowment funding. With that, Mr. Pohlman turned over the discussion to the committee members.

Ms. Chaykin spoke regarding grants previously given to the schools from the YESAC, awarding \$500 for the class to enhance what the teachers felt was a special project. Due to some unforeseen complications, Ms. Chaykin suggested the Committee tighten up some of the application requirements. Dr. Amarant asked if it would be possible to award this grant in January, Mr. Pohlman was doubtful at this late date that there would be enough time to award the scholarships in January.

Vice Chair Lasaga re-visited the idea of the committee participating in the Town's Bike Rodeo. Mr. Pohlman suggested several ways to participate such as having bikes or helmets as prizes. The committee members could also solicit for corporate sponsors, however, due to corporate policies and procedures regarding donations, the committee members would need to start reaching out to targeted corporations now to be able to award items in March of 2023. The endowment fund could also be a potential source of award dollars.

Discussion ensued regarding being able to link items purchased on Amazon with dollars being awarded to the Town of Davie for various scholarship programs. Mr. Pohlman said he would investigate the program and bring back information for the next meeting. Ms. Chaykin asked if the police department had a bike helmet contact the Committee could reach out to as a potential sponsor for the upcoming Bike Rodeo. Again, Mr. Pohlman said he would bring some information back to the Committee to discuss at the next meeting.

Dr. Arlene Amarant made a **motion** for the YESAC to participate in the March 11, 2023 Town of Davie's sponsored bike safety event which may include a donation of items or expenditures of funds from the endowment account. Ms. Melody Chaykin seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**6.3 Water Safety Poster Contest**

Dr. Arlene Amarant made a **motion** for the YESAC to continue the water safety poster program as one of the Committee’s initiatives for the upcoming year. Ms. Melody Chaykin seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**6.4 Mayor’s Scholarship**

Mr. Pohlman made the committee aware the Town will be working to notify the schools earlier that last year to give more time for the special committee meeting. The committee responded unanimously that they would like to participate in helping judge and score the contest.

Dr. Arlene Amarant made a **motion** for the YESAC to include the Mayor’s Scholarship program as one of the committee’s initiatives for the 2023/2024 school year. Ms. Melody Chaykin seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**7.1 Bike Rodeo**

**8. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00pm

**9. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Dr. Amarant asked how the residents are notified to access the Town’s website for upcoming programs. Mr. Pohlman answered that the Town sends out self-subscribed, weekly e-blasts to the public. The Town works closely with social media outlets, and the Town’s public information office submits press releases to the public. Each of our facilities have flyers for various programs, with additional flyers being disseminated to the local schools. Mr. Pohlman advised he would find out if our programs can be added to the Broward Schools website.

In addition, residents received quarterly copies of the DRW Magazine, Family Life Magazine, as well as the Sports and Activity Magazine, which is also received by residents of Davie, Cooper City and Weston. The Town has its own publication called the Davie Update. Mr. Pohlman volunteered to sign each of the committee member up for the Play Davie Update weekly alerts.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Chair/Committee Member