

City of Sugar Hill Youth Council Work Session
Wednesday, July 31st, 2019 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers,
5039 West Broad Street
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Members in attendance: Khushi Mehta, Lexi Ducote, Bhaumi Shah, Camden Doker, and Daniel Park

Meeting called to order at 5:30

Agenda approved by Bhaumi and Lexi.

Council Reports:

- Daniel worked at Chick-fil-A throughout the summer and traveled to North Carolina after Lanier's Open House.
- Bhaumi was a camp counselor during the month of June and visited Europe during the end of July!
- Camden went camping this summer and also decided to quit gymnastics. He will continue to work there, but he is more interested in trying something new, like Jiu Jit Su.
- Mike's company, Arris, was bought by CommScope over the summer! He will be visiting Sugar Hill Elementary School on July 1st to begin Chess Club. Finally, on September 30th, Mike will be celebrating his 30 year anniversary with his wife Linda!
- Lexi had a busy summer being a farmer and being active with Robotics. She helped work on designs for a t-shirt cannon, but sadly the t-shirt cannon did not come to fruition. Robotics will be continuing it throughout the school year in hopes of bringing them to football games!
- Khushi's internship at Nelson lasted six weeks! On July 29th, Khushi and Bhaumi attended the Sugar Hill Roundtable, where all of the leaders of different community groups come together, and they had the chance to talk about their plans for Youth Council and Youth Ambassadors.

Youth Ambassadors Updates:

- Over the summer, Bhaumi and Katie did lots of work for the Youth Ambassadors, including new changes to the group. Youth Ambassadors will now be more directed towards service opportunities and will be taking the lead on planning the Christmas Tree Lighting Event.
- Each month will have 2-3 different events, and members are required to go to at least 2 events each month.
- Applications will be opening in September

Proposed 2019 Youth Council Application:

- We decided it was important to make sure students understood that the Youth Ambassadors focused on volunteering opportunities, and that Youth Council focused on policy and government. Mike wrote an additional paragraph to add to the application in order to make this clear to everyone.
- Since we no longer have Tyler Henry as a teacher contact at Lanier High School, we need to find a new teacher contact that will be willing to be involved in Youth Council. Mike will be constructing an email for Lexi to send out to all teachers at Lanier.
- The question “If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?” was changed to “What time period would you go to with a time machine and why?”. Also, the question “What’s your favorite change in the city over the last 2 years?” was added to the application to test how active the applicants are within the city.

Team Building Event:

- Several ideas were brought up to get everyone on Youth Council more comfortable with each other:
- Malibu or K1 amusement park/indoor racing
- Amicalola Falls, Tallulah Gorge, Brasstown Bald (hiking would most likely be on a Saturday, or a day that everyone would be able to spend the whole day)
- Everyone was asked to think of some more ideas for team building

Things to Think About:

- Capitol Visit 2019-20: This will be Renee Unterman’s last year as Georgia State Senator, as she will be running for US Congress as the Representative for the 7th Congressional District! She will be running against Carolyn Bordeaux, whom we have talked to in the past. Even though Youth Council usually visits the Capitol every other year, we thought it might be important to visit this year, as well.
- Everyone was asked how interested they would be in following national government. National government is riskier to talk about, so everyone would need to express maturity and respect for each other’s views at all times.
- To end the meeting, everyone was asked what they want to get out of Youth Council this year. Participation is incredibly important, so speak up!

Meeting adjourned at 6:59.