

City of Sugar Hill Youth Council Session
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Members in Attendance: Spencer Grace Williams, Kaan Cubukcu, Ethan Shaw, Nida Merchant, Camryn Flores,
Camden Doker, Bhaumi Shah

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm.

Council Reports:

- The first ambassador's meeting of 2018 will be next week, where the program will discuss hosting an international night, and setting up a volunteer opportunity with Rainbow Village.
- The first Mock Trial competition, which Spencer and Kaan both participated in, was held the previous Saturday. Mock Trial deals with understanding logical arguments, local/federal law, and public speaking.
- Camryn conducted an interview with Lanier High School principal Dr. Martin, where she discussed the planned leadership seminars. He offered that he hoped to inform students about LHS opportunities, like our partnerships with Maxwell and Gwinnett Tech, as well as the Dual Enrollment program. We might also prepare a presentation during school hours for Academy time, a slotted "free period" in most students' schedules.
- Bhaumi spoke to a former participant about last year's Georgia Cities week, and its successes/failures.

Mayor's Day Recap

- Bhaumi brought up how despite her relative inexperience in politics, the Mayor's Day experience managed to start meaningful dialogues and raise interesting questions.
- Camryn spoke to the policy meetings' effectiveness and information, and how compelling and engaging the conversations we held about them were.
- Kaan praised the clarity of the policy meetings and our ability to form our own conjectures about the situation, while also being able to appreciate the perspectives of other sides.
- Ethan brought up how he went home to speak with his parents about the Governor's race, and did research about the policies of each candidate in preparation for voting later this year.
- Nida compared this year's experience to last year's, and brought up how this year felt more streamlined, felt like it made more sense, and had what felt like more in-depth conversations. She also really enjoyed the various arguments from the candidates, their effects on the audience, and did what she could to take it home.
- Camden brought up how informative the meetings in raising awareness of problems that affect huge regions of non-vocal peoples (inevitably so, in the case of broadband internet access in the south).
- Spencer held some conversations with teachers and peers about Atlanta, Georgia, and Amazon's potential headquarters here, and spoke to how the Youth Council and the Mayor's Day conference really prepare us to have informed and meaningful conversations about the present and future in regard to the political climate.

The council discussed returning to the capital to tour the facilities and pick the interview one of our representatives, and decided it would be advantageous to return again this year.

In regards to Georgia cities week, we intend to keep availability open to the entire eighth grade of all schools, and will disseminate information through each head of school and assistant principals, along with clubs. Right now, we are reaching out to pick the most advantageous date.

The council discussed the GCW activities planning, scheduling, and logistics.

At 7:02, Kaan motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Nida seconded the motion.