

The Brighton Youth Commission  
Formal Meeting Minutes  
07 January 2021

Absences-

Excused: Emilio Sena, Giana Rocha

Unexcused: Dahaan Medina, Elena Marraudino, Fernando Cano, Emmanuel Chaparro, Esmi Chaparro, Jayelin Adame, Kylee Versteegt, Logan Flanagan

Business-

1. Boards and Commissions Updates

a. SD27J Update

- A new STEAM school will be opening in the fall of 2021. It will start with only freshmen and build up (like what RRHS did). They aim to have only about 125 people per class (grade). They are accepting applications now.
- Our school district (27J) is working on the bell schedules for next year. They plan to stay on the quarter system because they believe it will allow students to get credits faster, along with other benefits.

b. City Council Update

- It was heartbreaking that we were not able to do the Festival of Lights in December, but we were fortunate enough to do a Santa Drive-Thru type of parade. It was pretty successful.
- The city plaza in downtown Brighton is looking to be in phase 2 soon. (mural? development?)
- Free COVID-19 testing for Adams County has opened up again. It is open Wednesday-Saturday at Adams County Regional Park.

c. Parks and Rec

- Working on an annual tree-planting project for the high school seniors. - includes buying trees
- Planning trails
- Decided they will not open pools this year due to the pandemic.

d. Planning Commission

- Next meeting will be January 28.

e. Historic Preservation

- Planning to add more to the museum in Historic City Hall.
- The next meeting will take place next week.

2. Competition Update

- We had some communication issues, so some groups have been granted permission to post past the deadline of January 4th.
- In order to win the prize of Berry Blendz gift cards and bragging rights, your group post must get the most likes by January 11th at 11:59PM.
- The BYC page and BYC group are two different things! (The group is here where we post privately.)

- We discussed some things that made the competition more challenging.
- Clint proposed the idea that delegating the work would be easier if the group met over Zoom.

### 3. Colorado Youth Diversity Conference

- January 30th-31st. Let Tawnya know if you would like to attend (if you haven't already). There are still some open spots.

### 4. Holiday Party

- This will take place on Saturday the 9th at 5PM.
- Supplies should've been picked up today (Friday) between 2-4PM.
- Let Tawnya know if you can't make it ASAP
- People who cannot be in attendance: Ashley S, Stephanie G, and Tania H

### 5. City Council Inductions

- Join the City Council meeting on January 19th at 6PM to be sworn in (new BYC or YOCC members).
- Be sure to wear your polos.
- The link will be posted in the Google Calendar. For those without access to the calendar, ask your officer for the link.

### 6. Adult Applications

- Be sure to share the link/advertise the adult application as we are still looking for new adult commissioners.

### 7. FAFSA

- The last FAFSA night will be on January 12th at 6PM.
- It is highly encouraged for you to attend.
- A great opportunity that can open new doors for you
- Stephanie's recommendation: apply for local scholarships because the competition for them usually isn't very stiff.
- Message your officer for more details.

### 8. Communication

- Always a big priority when it comes to a group our size! Be sure to stay in contact with your pod.
- Find what works best for you to be your most productive self. Make lists, write things down, use your Notes app, etc

### 9. SPEAK

- We worked on the starting pieces of planning this year's SPEAK week.
- The notes from the breakout room activity will be posted in a separate document sometime this week.