

# **Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)**

October 21, 2023

## **Minutes**

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 via Zoom and in-person commencing at 9:08 am.

### **Committee Members Attending**

Olivia Albertie, Amber Bansal, Aria Brown, Henry Bryan, Malachi Bryant, Leslie Carey, John Victor Ferreria, Cayden Force-Cunniff, Julius Graham, Anjali Gusani, Kayleigh Gutierrez, Samya Jones, Jailyn Martinez, Skye Mason-Raper, Chealse Oduro, Krish Patel, Akilah Prier, Sai Rathnam, Cecilia Ross, Ashton Scott, Destany Stiles, Jordin Stone, Jaden Tran, William Waller, Daniel Warner, Jaice Wilkins, Gary Williams, and Katie Wong.

### **Staff Attending**

Zachary Brown and Michelle Clowe

(9:08) Vice president, Anjali Gusani, officially began meeting and gave an overview of the meeting agenda

- Sign in/up sheet
- Media release forms for pictures
  - Parent must fill out if under 18 years of age
  - Over 18 years of age can sign and turn it in without parent
- Tips for professional meeting
- Importance of networking
- Bylaw review
- Icebreakers

(9:13) Next meeting announced for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - speaker Abdul Hai Thomas

(9:14) Zachary Brown (MYLAC Coordinator) introduced 2023-2024 President Malachi Bryant

(9:15) Malachi Bryant addressed the council and introduce the 2023 – 2024 officials

- Each official introduced themselves and their role in the MYLAC

(9:19) MYLAC Bylaws reviewed stating membership must:

- Abide by the laws in every meeting
- Attend every meeting with no more than 3 absences allowed (Excused or unexcused)
- Conduct self in professional manner during meetings and events
- Participate in a Teen Initiative project
- Keep a minimum of C-Average or 2.0 GPA
- Be committed to the betterment of Jacksonville
- Reflect cultural and geographic diversity of Jacksonville

MYLAC Robert's rules:

- Discussion cannot begin until motion is stated and asked "Are you ready?" before the question
- Before the motion stated by the chair and question, membership may suggest modifications to the motion
- The "immediately pending question" is the last question stated by the chair
- No member may speak twice on the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has been given the chance
- Courteous and non-disruptive Remarks should be directed towards chair

(9:21) Icebreaker:

- "What do you hope to gain from participating in MYLAC?"

(9:30) Role call

(9:36) Zachary Brown speaks

- Introduces Michelle Clowe (Vice president of mission's programs)
- Discusses media release form
- Get parent to sign and turn it in via email or at next meeting
- Be a self-advocate and state if you don't want to be photographed

(9:41) Break in meeting for MYLAC

(9:55) President Malachi Bryant introduces President and CEO of Goodwill North Florida, David Rey

o David Rey's presentation agenda:

- Who is David Rey
- History of Goodwill

- Founded in 1902
- Church opened in 1940
- Major changes since then have been made
- Our North Florida Operations
  - Funded through selling donated clothes and items
  - Keeps donated clothes out of landfills
- Our mission programs
  - Goodwill's goal: Mission services
  - Career centers
  - Corner Stores at Debbs: future plan to create corner stores with career centers on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Take Stock in Children: state-wide mentorship that provides underprivileged children with opportunities to get adequate access to colleges
  - Must join in 9<sup>th</sup> grade of high school
- A-STEP: Job coaching for adults
  - Academic support through employment process

(10:36) Nekia Jackson's story with A-STEP (video)

(10:40) Nekia Jackson's A-STEP video ends and Rey elaborates on how success stories like Nekia's keep him motivated

(11:00) David Rey finishes presentation

(11:01) Break for membership

(11:12) Officer and group pictures

(11:17) Zachary Brown discusses community projects and Teen Initiative project

- Only one Teen Initiative project
- Multiple community projects
- Topics of interest and appropriateness for projects

Civic engagement is important to keep membership together

- Examples for community projects:
  - Food drives
  - Clothes drives
  - Book box for children
- Teen Initiative Project:
  - Funded and required

- Literacy initiative suggestion
- Book drive to get books for “book box”
- Creation of book bags for children’s hospital and foster homes

(11:25) Membership broke into committees

(12:00) Meeting called to order by President Malachi Bryant

- Teen Initiative chair: Ashton Scott
- Teen Initiative committee recognizes literacy issues and suggested ideas to fix issue such as book drives and elementary school outreach

Motion is seconded and moved for debate and the membership did not debate any ideas stated

Voting on Teen Initiative project commenced:

- 24 votes with no opposition

(12:04) Teen Initiative passed

Community project chair: Katie Wong

- The community project committee came up with ideas including, Hybrid food and hygiene drive, senior citizen social night, promotion of animal shelter adoption, and animal shelter drive

Motioned seconded and moved for debate and the membership did not debate any ideas stated

Voting on community projects commenced:

- 25 votes with no opposition

(12:07) Motion is carried

Possible meeting with city council members to voice issues affecting youth in Jacksonville is spoken about

- Interest in such event was unanimous
- Date and time will be determined
- Transportation is not provided

(12:10) Malachi Bryant officially closes meeting