



End of Year Report May 21, 2018

The 2017-2018 Academic Year has concluded and the Youth Advisory Committee is pleased to report it has been exciting and successful. This report is designed to highlight the year in review and inform the City Council of events and plans for the fall 2018 semester.

The Youth Advisory Committee ended the year with 16 regular members. At the end May, the following five members will have graduated from the program:

- Luis Carrillo – Birdville High School
- Jillian Oujesky – Richland High School
- Maddie Risky – Richland High School
- Ben Taylor – Richland High School
- Gabby Whitton – Richland High School

The Youth Advisory Committee wishes them well as they begin their college careers. Committee members are in the process of recruiting new members, and hope to have recommendations to Council within a couple months for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The Youth Advisory Committee met and heard from various city staff members through the Guest Speaker Program. This program provided the Youth Advisory Committee members with an opportunity to learn more about the City and the services it provides to the citizens. The Youth Advisory Committee had the opportunity to hear from the City Manager's Office, Public Works Department, Emergency Management, and the Economic Development Department.

For their spring service project the Committee hosted the NRH Dog Show on May 6. Many hours of planning and marketing went in to hosting this successful event. In addition to an entire pallet of dog food being donated to the Animal Adoption and Rescue Center from one of the vendors who participated, the Committee also raised over \$320 through registration fees for the event. The Committee is looking at

opportunities to host the event next year, and will look at ways to grow the event as we move into 2019.

The Youth Advisory Committee also presented their annual project to City Council during the May 21, 2018 City Council Work Session Meeting. This year the Committee presented to Council a new initiative called Healthy NRH. The Committee spent time researching and evaluating other similar programs, which then allowed them to create a multi-faceted program that they feel will touch all residents of the city. The Committee believes the City can capitalize on the current city events, programs and facilities available by bringing on a larger educational aspect via social media, a website and additional free events. The program they have designed incorporates three components of healthy living – exercise, diet and preventive medical care.

On May 9, 2018, The Youth Advisory Committee held their annual Executive Committee election. The 2018-2019 Executive Committee is as follows:

- Naia Garner – Chair
- Cynthia Cruz – Vice Chair
- Shelby Thomason – Secretary
- Sydney Thomason – Treasurer

The Youth Advisory Committee would like to thank the City Council for the opportunity to become active and involved in the community. The Committee looks forward to visiting the City Council at the end of next year with a new report.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Luis Carrillo, YAC Chair