



## **End of Year Report**

### **May 15, 2017**

The 2016-2017 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 2017 semester.

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

- Tyler Barry, Richland High School
- Brock Crymes – Birdville High School
- Hunter Mendiola – Birdville High School
- Tiana Whitmore – 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 2017-2018 Academic Year.

The Youth Advisory Committee was involved in multiple service projects throughout the year, including multiple city events. For the Committee's spring service project, YAC will be hosting a Social Media Workshop at the Senior Center on May 16. Members will be teaching seniors how to use Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

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, Police Department, Neighborhood Services Department, Municipal Court, and the Planning Department.

The Youth Advisory Committee also presented a youth project to City Council during the May 15, 2017 City Council Work Session Meeting. This year YAC decided to present to Council information regarding mental health issues in the community. At the April meeting the Committee heard a presentation from the City's Mental Health Officer, Chris Morgan, regarding what efforts the City is already taking in regards to helping those people with mental health issues in North Richland Hills. Then the Committee brainstormed and did research on ways in which the City might be able to do more in regards to this issue for their presentation.

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 the fall semester with a new report.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Tyler Barry, YAC Chair