

Northglenn Youth Commission
MEMORANDUM #1 – 2015

DATE: January 26, 2014
TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members
FROM: John Pick, City Manager 
Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 
SUBJECT: Northglenn Youth Commission

BACKGROUND

At the Youth Commission/City Council Roundtable October 2014, the Youth Commission was encouraged to communicate with Council on a more regular basis. As a result, the Youth Commissioners have made a commitment to make a short presentation to City Council quarterly. In 2015 these presentations are scheduled for January 26, April 27, July 27 and October 26.

For the first presentation of 2015, two representatives from the Northglenn Youth Commission will be presenting the group's annual report from 2014. A copy of the report is attached for your review.

STAFF REFERENCE

If any Council Members are in need of additional information, please contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services at apeterson@northglenn.org, or (303) 450-8950.



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Northglenn Youth Commission

**2014
Annual Report**

Meeting Schedule

The Youth Commission Board of Directors holds a meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Alpine Room at the Recreation Center. The first meeting of the month is a formal business meeting; the second meeting of each month is a study session/working meeting.

Agendas and minutes, along with other board documents, can be found at www.northglenn.org/NYC.

All Youth Commission meetings are open to the public. Youth who are interested in joining the Youth Commission, or those that just have an idea to share are encouraged to attend.

Current Members

- Connor Mercer, President
- Savannah VanDuyn, Vice President
- Allie Donnici, Secretary
- Peyton Larsen, Treasurer
- Avery Anderson, Board Member
- Claudia Dodge, Board Member
- Mackenzie Hervey, Member

There are currently 11 openings for the Board of Directors. To be eligible, interested youth must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and live in Northglenn or attend a school in the Adams 12 Five Star School District. There are four applicants that will be interviewed early in the new year.

Northglenn's Largest Ice Cream Sundae at Stonehocker



Several members of the Youth Commission, including Avery Anderson and Claudia Dodge, scooped ice cream, and helped attendees add toppings to their sundaes at this annual event. Avery recruited additional volunteers from Mountain Range High School's football team to assist. The Youth Commission enjoys being a part of this fun community event.



May Mayhem



During a retreat in the fall of 2013, the Youth Commission set a series of goals for the upcoming year. One of the goals that was selected was to address social and physical activity opportunities for youth and teens. From this goal, the May Mayhem dodgeball tournament was developed. This dodgeball tournament created a fun, safe environment for youth and teens to hang out on a Saturday night, while participating in a physical activity.

The Youth Commissioners planned this event from start to finish—from brainstorming the original the idea to putting together a logo and name,

creating marketing materials and registration materials, arranging for officials, getting prizes donated and running the tournament. Prizes were donated from local businesses, including Boondocks, Chick Fil A and AMC Theatres. The Police Department even offered a ride along for one of the contests. The Northglenn Police Department challenged the North Metro Fire District to a few rounds of dodgeball, though the winning department remains unclear!

In addition to the two public safety exhibition teams, there were six youth teams that participated in this inaugural event, and the Youth Commission is hoping to see that number grow in 2015. Each team had the opportunity to play at least three games in this double elimination tournament.

In addition to a fun night for local youth, the Youth Commission wanted this event to make a difference in the lives of other children. The Ralston House was selected as the beneficiary for this fundraising event. All money raised through admission fees, team fees and games was donated to the Ralston House. Youth Commissioner Tyler Dodge presented Ralston House officials with a check for \$500 at the ribbon cutting for the new Northglenn location.



Farmer's Highline Canal Cleanup



The Youth Commission again participated in the annual Farmer's Highline Canal Cleanup, held on March 15, 2014. Youth Commissioners and over 100 other volunteers from the community got up bright and early on this spring morning to do a little spring cleaning in the city. Volunteers cleaned trash—including the huge sign pictured below—from the city's parks, trails and open spaces surrounding the Farmer's Highline Canal.

This cleanup not only beautifies the city and protects wildlife habitat, but also helps ensure that water can get through the canal without getting caught up on trash and debris that collects during the winter months. Volunteers spent four hours cleaning the city. Following the cleanup, everyone was treated to a pizza lunch at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. The Youth Commissioners are proud to be able to support the community by participating in this event each year. It also serves as a great teambuilding opportunity, it is fun to spend the day working together towards a common goal.



Webster Lake Plaza Committee

The Youth Commission had a representative, Rory Moore, participate with the committee influencing the design of a possible plaza/park near the Webster Lake Promenade. Rory graduated from Northglenn High School and the Youth Commission in 2013, but was excited to continue to work on this project and provide a youth perspective to this project.

Rory spoke up during the meetings, and had creative ideas to share with the group. He asked a lot of good questions, and made sure that he had a good understanding of the project and the potential design elements. Although this project is currently on hold, the input received from the committee will be utilized when the time comes to move forward.



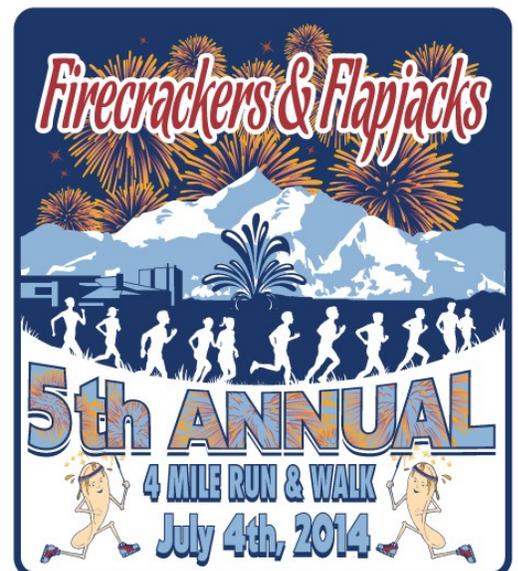
Partners with Parks: Veteran's Memorial Flower Bed

In 2011 the Youth Commission agreed to “adopt” a flower bed in observation and appreciation for our veteran’s service. They worked with several local veterans to put a plan together for the bed. For several years, Youth Commissioners planted and cared for the bed. This past year, the Youth Commission was not quite as involved, but did assist in putting the “bed to bed” at the end of the season. The Youth Commission has made a commitment to be fully involved next year, from planting in the spring to cleaning out the bed in the fall. Although the flowers were beautiful and provided a bright, colorful area at the entrance to E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, a plan is in place to restore the bed to its original red, white and blue patriotic color scheme in 2015.



Fireworks & Flapjacks Four Mile

The Youth Commission volunteered at the July Fourth Fireworks & Flapjacks Four Mile race. The commissioners assisted with water stations, providing water to runners at mile markers one and three, and also helped with the clean up after the race. Over 100 runners and walkers of all ages took part in the event. Proceeds from the event supported the Northglenn Community Foundation’s Utility Assistance Program.



Colorado 9 to 25 Youth Summit

COLORADO 9TO25 YOUTH SUMMIT
Epic: A Hero's Journey to Confidence

THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT, FOR YOUTH AGES 13 - 19 AND ADULTS THAT WORK WITH YOUTH, PROMISES NOT TO BE YOUR TYPICAL CONFERENCE! JOIN US FOR AN ARTS-INCLUDED, FUN AND INTERACTIVE EVENT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:00AM - 9:00AM	Check-in and Breakfast
9:00AM - 9:45AM	Summit Opening Ceremony Featuring Denver's Minor Disturbance Youth Poetry Slam
9:55AM - 10:10AM	Meet in smaller groups/ice breaker
10:10AM - 11:10AM	Workshop: Skill #1 - Confidence in yourself Participants will work with a local artist
11:15AM - 12:00PM	Lunch
12:10PM - 1:25PM	Workshop: Skill #2 - Confidence as a group Participants will work with a local artist
1:35PM - 2:05PM	Rehearsal
2:10PM - 3:05PM	Presentations
3:15PM - 4:00PM	Final presentations and wrap-up

COLORADO 9TO25 YOUTH SUMMIT CONVENING PARTNERS:

KASPER PERMANENTE	SILVER HOUSE	THE CIVIC CANOPY	ENFORCE
THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES	RISE ABOVE COLORADO	COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	ATTENTION HOMES
COLORADO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COUNCIL	PROJECT PAIR	THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	

On October 26, three Youth Commissioners had the opportunity to attend the Colorado 9 to 25 Youth Summit. This year's event was themed "Epic: A Hero's Journey to Confidence." During the summit, the commissioners explored their personal leadership styles through artistic impression and had the opportunity to make a presentation to the other attendees. Colorado 9 to 25 follows a positive youth development model, and is housed within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education. They each learned leadership skills that are useful in their roles as a Youth Commissioner, as well as applicable to school, teams and other volunteer roles. The Youth Commissioners have met with a representative from Colorado 9 to 25, and are exploring ways to work together, including the possibility of developing a video to promote the Youth Commission.

Roundtable with City Council

In October, the Youth Commission hosted a roundtable discussion with City Council. The entire Youth Commission and four City Council Members participated in this hour-long televised discussion about youth issues in the community. The roundtable was an opportunity for the Youth Commissioners to form a better bond with the City Council and promote the Youth Commission in the community. The Youth Commissioners learned that if there is more interaction between youth and adults, a better understanding of one another's needs can be built. The group thought that it was "cool" to hear the differences in opinion between generations, and feel like they got a better understanding of the government "lingo." The overall outcomes of the roundtable included a decision to provide City Council with a quarterly update, a written annual report and to host another roundtable in the future. The video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofnorthglenn>.



National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5 several Youth Commissioners attended National Night Out block parties alongside Northglenn Police Officers and other public officials. This event was a great opportunity to tell people in the community what the Youth Commission is all about, and for each of the Youth Commissioners to visit with local residents of all ages about their concerns or ideas to improve the city. Emmett from the Lego Movie even tagged along for the ride, visiting each of the block parties to promote the city's first movie in the park.

Safe Street Halloween



On Saturday, October 25 the Youth Commission had a lot of fun dressing in costume to help over 1,000 kids decorate cookies at Safe Street Halloween. All of the kids (and a few of their parents!) had a great time frosting cookies, then eating the tasty treats. This year, the most popular costumes for children attending the event included Elsa and Spiderman! The Youth Commission enjoys supporting the Northglenn Police Department through this event, and has participated for over 10 years.

Noel Northglenn

In December, the Youth Commission volunteered at Noel Northglenn. They assisted with the puzzle game and the bean bag toss, and had fun interacting with all of the attendees. They also got to pose for a picture with Santa and play in the "Wow Bubbles," a great new addition to the event that took place in the pool area. The Youth Commissioners also helped clean up the event, putting the "Winter Wonderland" away until next year.



