

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 17 June 2009

Present:

Jack Marshall
Rebecca Bullen
Nigel Smith
Tapiwa Bururu
Katja Heesterman
Intisar Muketar
Ben Ogilvie
Duncan Armstrong
Elesha Edmonds
Katelin Bull
Dipti Manchanda
Essen Vicente
Stevenson Pule

Georgina Rhoades
Waylon Edwards
Hayley Wain

Apologies:

- Annelise; Zoe

Absent:

- Yulia

Welcome:

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes moved by Nigel, seconded by Katelin

Elections:

- Raewyn from New Zealand post discussed the electoral role and gave out packs of enrolment forms, business cards and information about the upcoming referendum.
- An opportunity was given for Youth Council to go out to the Petone offices to see how they operate

Communications:

- Katie Jans from the Wellington City Council communications team discussed the main points Youth Council members should consider when talking with the media/journalists.
- An information sheet was provided for each member as a reference.

Icebreaker

- Jack ran the “Table Topics” card game

Forward Planning

- Elesha referred to the “Post It’ exercise from the previous meeting, each point was read aloud.
- The main point that Youth Council considered as the focus for the forward plan is publicity and raising the profile of Youth Council.
- The group is very keen to continue with the Couch Campaign.
- An update was given on the status of the Facebook pages. A decision was made to develop another page and tell the members of the current one to be a member of the new one.

Couch Update

- Ben showed pictures of the couches.
- Waylon discussed the marketing plan; Jack, Tapewa and Katja are going to work on developing this.
- Elesha raised the point of time frames, when the Couch Campaign was expected to start. A discussion was had, and the idea of starting the campaign 2 weeks prior to the next Youth Forum. The purpose is to have a lead in for the forum
- Slogans to go alongside the couch image were brainstormed. Options are:
 - Find Me
 - Where is it?
 - Get Lost in My Comfort

Fundraising

- Jack raised the possibility of Youth Council fundraising so the group dose not have to rely on getting money from council for things they want to do. The group agreed that this would be a great idea; Dipti mentioned that is would provide ownership and independence for the Youth Council. A general consensus was had among the group.
- Jack and Ben are going to research methods of fundraising
- Waylon explained the idea of \$300ships, it is based on the Kapiti Coast Youth Council and the Porirua advisory Group have run. A hand out explaining the process was given to everyone, this will be followed up at our next meeting

Events

- iCan: is an event that came out of the On The Edge Conference, the idea is to collect donated canned food from around Wellington, then on the 27th June a large canned structure will be built in the Civic Square. The aim is to try and break the world record together with, including the community. At the end of the 27th all of the collected food will be donated to SPCA and the Wellington City Mission.
- Stage Challenge: Nurul and Intisar went to the event to help out, both had a great time.

Youth Council and Councillors Breakfast

- Date confirmed as Thursday 16th July
- Location tentatively as The Occidental
- Elesha and Katja are going to ring around all of the Councillors to invite them, this will be done by the next meeting

Next Meeting: 1 July 2009