Item No.

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From:

Jane Binder, Recreation Manager

Through:

Elizabeth Neumayer, Community Enrichment Services Director

Brian Grube, Recreation Superintendent Bb

Date:

September 30, 2009

Meeting Date: October 20, 2009

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2009-14: An ordinance of the City of Flagstaff, TITLE: Arizona repealing Flagstaff City Code, Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 02-16 "Youth Commission"

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

At the Council Meeting of: October 20, 2009 Read Ordinance No. 2009-14 for the first time by title only.

At the Council Meeting of: November 3, 2009 Read Ordinance No. 2009-14 for the final time by title only.

Adopt Ordinance No. 2009-14.

ACTION SUMMARY:

This action decommissions the Youth Commission, who has requested it.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

The Flagstaff Youth Commission has had difficulties filling vacancies for approximately 3 years.

At Youth Town Hall 2008, 14 applications were received for spots on the Youth Commission, however only 2 applicants met the requirement for living within City limits to serve on the Commission. When called, those 2 applicants were no longer interested in serving on the Commission, as they expected a busy upcoming senior year. In 2009, over 500 applications were distributed to area youth for joining the Youth Commission. Only 7 previous Commissioners and 4 new applicants applied. Although the new applicants were appointed, 2 never showed up for a single meeting and the other 2 resigned within 3 months. This left only 7 active members. A auorum for the Youth Commission is 6 members.

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Youth Commissioners have spent the past year and a half examining the issue and brainstorming possible solutions. They have decided that de-commissioning would allow them to reorganize as a different kind of body that will allow youth who don't live within corporate limits of the City of Flagstaff to participate. The decommissioned group will then reorganize as an advisory group to the Community Enrichment Services Director and will make regular updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council. Lastly, the commission members felt that decommissioning would provide a more casual atmosphere that would help attract more participation.

Key Considerations:

The existing Youth Commissioners have requested a decommissioning action.

As a youth advisory council, the body will maintain the two key functions of the previous Youth Commission; conducting Youth Town Hall each year and serving as a conduit to report on issues affecting youth in Flagstaff.

The proposed youth advisory council will report to the Community Enrichment Services Director and regularly report progress through the Parks and Recreation Commission. A staff liaison would continue to be assigned to the Youth Advisory Council from the Recreation Section. The new organization could expand to up to 23 members.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

Decommissioning will allow the youth group greater diversity of participation and more productivity by:

- Eliminating quorum requirements
- Eliminating the requirement for city residency.
- Providing more flexibility for meeting, breaking into working groups, and/or communicating among members.

Community Involvement:

The youth community has been involved in these discussion, but there have been no public hearings or other outreach to the community at large.

Financial Implications:

None.

Options and Alternatives:

Keep the Youth Commission as currently structured.

Attachments/Exhibits:

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Department Head (Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA REPEALING FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE, TITLE 2, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, CHAPTER 02-16 "YOUTH COMMISSION".

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff City Council established the Flagstaff Youth Commission by Ordinance No. 1694 on May 7, 1991 to serve as an advisory commission to the Flagstaff City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission is limited in its membership and scope by procedural requirements, such as the quorum requirement, the requirement that members reside within the City, and the small number of participants currently permitted on the Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, to address these issues, the Youth Commission has recommended that a Youth Advisory Committee be created under different procedural rules to be advisory to the Community Enrichment Services Director, as well as making periodic reports to the Flagstaff Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the current Youth Commission, therefore, recommends that the City Council dissolve the Youth Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Title 2, Chapter 02-16 of the Flagstaff City Code, entitled Youth Commission is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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ATTEST:			MAYOR					
CITY CLERK		·						

APPROVED AS TO FORM: