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Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Ben Martig, City Administrator

Consider Support for the Pursuit of Establishing the Mayor's Youth Council as an Advisory Board or Commission.

Action Requested:

Staff recommends a motion to Support the Pursuit of Establishing the Mayor's Youth Council as an Advisory Board or Commission.

Summary Report:

The Mayor's Youth Council has been in effect since 2006. Attached is additional background regarding the Mayor's Youth Council. Mayor Pownell and City Administrator Martig are suggesting that this group be formally created as an advisory board or commission of the City. The belief is that these groups are more permanent in nature and that it would be more appropriate to establish as a formal board or commission if they are going to continue on an ongoing basis.

Staff intends to work with the Mayor's Youth Council to establish information related to the creating this group as a more permanent board or commission.

Alternative Options:

The City Council may have further questions related to this topic.

Financial Impacts:

None.

Tentative Timelines:

Staff is intending to bring this item back in March or April dependent on work with the Mayor's Youth Council.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2006-033

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD,
MINNESOTA RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND SUPPORTING ITS
EFFORTS

- WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Council will consist of Northfield high school students who demonstrate leadership skills and passion for issues that impact youth in Northfield; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Council will assist with the identification of issues important to Northfield people; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Council will work with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and implement solutions to address opportunities and areas of concern; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Council will provide youth perspectives on relevant issues to the City Council and other local groups; and
- WHEREAS, the focus, structure and activities of the Mayor's Youth Council will ultimately be set by the youth members; and
- WHEREAS, the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative and Northfield High School have agreed to partner with the City to support the Mayor's Youth Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

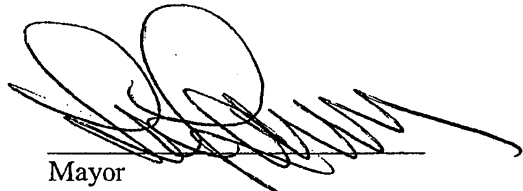
The City of Northfield is committed to supporting the efforts of the Mayor's Youth Council along with the other supporting entities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 17th day of April 2006.

ATTEST



Interim City Clerk



Mayor

VOTE: Y BOND Y DAVIS Y LANSING Y MALECHA Y NELSON
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ITEM: Mayor's Youth Council
REQUESTED BY: Mayor Lee Lansing
SUBMITTED BY: Al Roder, City Administrator
IN CONSULTATION WITH: Marnie Thompson, Northfield High School Assistant Principal
Zach Pruitt, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative Coordinator

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is being asked to support the Mayor's Youth Council. The Mayor's Youth Council is a board of Northfield youth appointed by the Mayor who will:

- Assist with the identification of issues important to Northfield young people
- Work with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and implement solutions to address opportunities and areas of concern
- Provide youth perspectives on relevant issues to the Mayor, council members and other local groups
- Assure a voice in civic affairs

Recruitment for members is currently underway. Teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors have recommended a diverse group of high school aged students who demonstrate leadership skills and passion for issues that impact youth in Northfield. These young people are being invited to apply for the Mayor's Youth Council. The focus, structure and activities of the Mayor's Youth Council will ultimately be set by the youth members. Marnie Thompson, Northfield High School Assistant Principal, and Zach Pruitt, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative Coordinator, will work with the Mayor and City staff on coordinating the start-up efforts of this group.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2006-033