

YOUNG ADULTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kick-off Meeting

November 4, 2020

Meeting held electronically via WebEx due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

Start: 7:00 PM

End: 8:33 PM

The following members from the YAA Council in attendance were:

| Representation | Member | Attendance |
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| At-Large | Denver Supinger | X |
| At-Large | Mohamed Rahman | X |
| Fairfax County Gov't Employee | Casey Judge | X |
| Fairfax County Public School | Lesly Ascencio | X |
| George Mason University | Natalie Moody | X |
| Northern VA Community College | Melanie Marie Stover | X |
| Braddock | Sara Bufano | X |
| Dranesville | Kiana Simpkins | X |
| Hunter Mill | Sujit R. Koppula | X |
| Lee | Ana McCoy | |
| Mason | Najma Mohamud | |
| Mt. Vernon | Diego Rodrigues Cabrera | X |
| Providence | Jessica Sun | X |
| Springfield | Lee Jackson | X |
| Sully | Dalton J. Bissom | |

In addition to the YAA Council members, the following Fairfax County officials and staff were at the meeting: Chairman Jeff McKay, Deputy County Executive Rachel Flynn, Rebecca Moudry, Department of Economic Initiatives (DEI), Graham Owen, Department of Planning and Development (DPD), Wendy Lemieux (DEI), Lindsey Martin, the Chairman's Office.

Deputy County Executive Rachel Flynn and Chairman Jeff McKay welcomed the members and described that the Council had been established to specifically include young adults in Fairfax County civic affairs, address issues relevant to this age cohort, and develop strategies for young adult workforce attraction and retention.

Graham Owen reviewed the Electronic Meeting Findings and Procedures that enable the group to meet electronically during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Graham then provided an overview of the WebEx video and audio conferencing platform for Council members and members of the public.

Council Members and staff introduced themselves, their interest in the Council, and the issues that they would like to focus on during their tenure.

Graham presented a review of the Council's founding documents, including the resolution authorizing the formation of the group and establishing the Council's purpose of contributing young adults' experiences, knowledge, and solutions to County issues; the bylaws for the group regarding the selection of officers, notices and VFOIA requirements, and procedures for voting. Additional topics covered in the presentation included a proposed meeting schedule, initial topic areas for the Council's focus, and the format of the work product that the Council will produce for the Board. Council members raised other topics for the consideration on the Council including the environment, blended urban design, placemaking, transportation infrastructure connectivity, community-building between various areas of the County, wealth-building through increased home ownership opportunities, and young adult civic engagement. Council members asked whether the appointments ran from the date of the authorization or the date of the appointment, whether additional members could be added from other interest groups. Graham and Rebecca indicated that the appointments run for two-years from the date of the member's appointment (subsequently confirmed by the Clerk's office), and that the membership of the Council is currently limited to 15 individuals, but that the Council could recommend that the Board add additional seats.

The Council then began a nomination and election process for the three officer positions. Graham noted that the election of officers was an annual occurrence, that the initial terms of the officer appointments were for the next two meetings only, and that a new election would need to be held in at the first meeting in 2021 in line with the Council resolution and bylaws. Following discussion and nominations, Denver Supinger was elected as Chair, Lee Jackson was elected as Vice Chair, and Diego Rodriguez Cabrera was elected as Secretary. Following the election, clarification was noted that the group is subject to VFOIA and therefore Council communications between more than two members, including emails, are considered public record and should be limited to publicly noticed meetings.

A motion to adjourn was entertained.