



## WESTMINSTER

### YAP Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 8, 2024

**Time:** 6-7:30pm

**Location:** Westminster City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 4800 W. 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Westminster, 80031

#### I. Names of Officers

- a. **Chair:** Alondra
- b. **Vice Chair:** Karla
- c. **Secretary:** Leo
- d. **PIO:** Akimi
- e. **Community Service Committee:** Liam, Maite, Milo, and Sam

#### II. Officer Meeting (if applicable):

#### III. Roll Call and Introductions:

- I. Max
- II. Ava
- III. Victoria
- IV. Andrew
- V. Brynn
- VI. Valeria
- VII. Milo
- VIII. Maite
- IX. Yousef
- X. Seth
- XI. Tomas
- XII. Akimi
- XIII. Sammie
- XIV. Alondra
- XV. Lauren
- XVI. Lucy
- XVII. Hagen
- XVIII. Sam
- XIX. Barbara (speaker)
- XX. Nancy McNelly
- XXI. Karla

#### IV. Speaker: Barbara (deputy city manager)

- I. How planning is a major part of the creation of the things in our city
  - I. City Parks and Recreation plans every building, park, event
  - II. It takes lots of time, people, and meticulous planning
  - III. Making sure that money is used with the maximum amount of return to help the community
- II. What she does
  - I. Runs the budget
  - II. Helps plan

- III. Work with a team to finance and prioritize
- IV. Helps the community, and it's her favorite to help locally and work together with others
- V. Sees when something is wrong or needs fix or change and she finds the people needed to approach the problem
- III. How did she get to where she is now?
  - I. She graduated college with a degree in secondary education and wanted to teach civics for teens
  - II. In grad school she was recommended to look into getting a job in the government by her professor
  - III. Got a masters that related to something she enjoyed and applied to what she was wanting to do
  - IV. Got to do an internship for the national civic league and she was hooked
  - V. Got a public administration degree and began to work as an intern
  - VI. She was promoted into budget after two years
  - VII. Moved here as assistant to the city manager and then assistant city manager and is now deputy city manager
- IV. Her advice: "Find something you're passionate about, something you enjoy, and have a positive work environment with people that you can work together with to solve problems and help the community"
- V. Spirit values of the city
  - I. How we treat people and go about providing our services
  - II. A cultural thing that has been built up
  - III. They are about people
    - I. People they get to work with and those who work to support the community
    - II. Work with people who challenge you and push you out of your comfort zone
    - III. Do the right thing even when no one is looking
  - IV. Treating each other respectfully
  - V. Embrace diversity
  - VI. Innovation
    - I. Positive mindset (looking for opportunities to do better and challenge yourselves)
  - VII. Teamwork
    - I. Help and support
    - II. Talk to the people you work with and problem solve
    - III. Get different views from different people
      - I. Creative approaches that you may not think of
- VI. Spoke about job opportunities for youth
  - I. Engaging people
  - II. Activating the community
- VII. Special events are the most impactful modifications to the community
- VIII. Cruising in the area where there used to be a mall (downtown)
  - I. How they used signs to stop it
- IX. How did they lower the percentage of homeless by around 30%?
  - I. Helping get out resources to those who need them
  - II. Temporarily getting them hotels or housing

- I. How this was a challenge do to the availability of housing as well as how pricey it is
- III. Human resources to help profit the community
- IV. Food banks
- V. Working with those who need a permanent and stable place
- VI. How churches will help if someone doesn't have an address by getting their mail and providing lots and lots of households with food
  - I. The number of people skyrocketed during COVID
- VII. Help for those who need it (therapy, drug addiction, etc.)
  - I. When a person says "no" to help, they can step in and say that they can't be in this community because it's a danger to others
- X. How big is the city budget? How much has it changed since she's lived here?
  - I. The budget was around \$76,000,000 when she started and increased to now being \$152,000,000
  - II. Around 20 different funds so that funding sources can pay for different things that need to be provided
    - I. Restricted revenue: you can't spend too much on one part of the funding program and you cannot pay for something that isn't appropriate for that category (ex. parks & rec couldn't pay for a fire station)
  - III. How much land in Westminster is parks and open space
    - I. 3,800 acres of open space/parks land (15% of the city)
    - II. 36 miles of land
    - III. Other cities and states have not done as much for reserving open space and having these trails
  - IV. Capital funding
    - I. Something that lasts for a longer time
  - V. Operational funding
    - I. Day to day funding

**V. Debrief of Speaker:**

- I. Seeing all the small things that go into the city
- II. Learning more about jobs in the city
- III. Learning about future plans in the city

**VI. Recap of Meeting Minutes (Short Summary of Last Meeting):**

**VII. Liaison Announcements:**

- I. Summer opportunities
- II. Applying for next year
- III. Next years meetings will be starting in August, unlike this year when they started in October

**VIII. Officer Announcements:**

- I. Giving speeches for the rest of the panel

**IX. Old Business:**

**X. New Business:**

- I. Things we'd like to see next year
  - I. Being aware of what days the meetings are on, making things available so that religious holidays or things like that will be accounted for
  - II. Doing more things outside of monthly meetings
  - III. More hands on activities and volunteering

- IV. More bonding activities for the panel
- V. Community service subcommittee being more organized
- II. May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 @ 105<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan, the town hall will be talking about budget and people are invited to come and have their voices heard
  - I. You can also submit ideas and requests on a form on the website

XI. Wrap Up/Announcements:

XII. Adjourn: @ 7:29

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