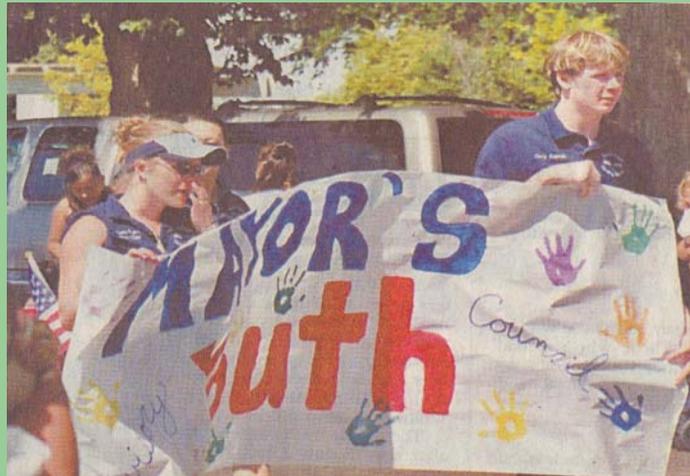


Caldwell Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Organizational Tools & Helps



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Section 1

Youth Advisory Council impact in a community

Vision Statement

By Mayor Nancolas

Strong Cities are built on a foundation of strong families. The Steps we take to strengthen families are among the most important investments we make in the health and vibrancy of our communities. They are often less visible than the roads we pave or the public facilities we build, but they are no less vital to the success of our community building efforts.



Every day mayors and council members are reminded that families are the core, the uniting force and the life blood of neighborhoods and communities. Our goal is to promote greater awareness of the need to strengthen families and to build broad support for investments in Families so that our city will thrive. The cost of not taking steps to strengthen families is enormous. They are reflected in individual lives, municipal budgets, and prospects for city growth and revitalization.

When families fail, our next generation of citizens, children, workers and leaders all too often fail as well. When the family fails it results in high cost to cities which lands squarely on the doorsteps of our city hall, thus, increasing spending for public safety, education and human services. There is no question, the strength of this nation lies within the walls of our own homes. The most important obligation and responsibility that we have as adults is to nature, cherish, protect and teach our children. That is a responsibility we take very seriously in the City of Caldwell.

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a long highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep,
With waters rolling cold and deep.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here.
Your Journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way.
You’ve crossed this chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?”
The builder lifted his old grey head,
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” He said,
There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
The chasm that was as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim-
Good friend, I am building this bridge for Him.”

William Allen Droogle



January 10th, 2006
Scott Hutton's State of the City Address

Thank you so much Mr. Mayor. I would at this time like to extend my sincerest forms of gratitude to a few others who play a key role in the success of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. I would like to thank Susan Miller, Debbie Geyer, Emiline Hogg and the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce for all of your support.

Even as Caldwell seems to be the location of current success and is leading to a brighter future, we still find ourselves in midst of harsh criticism. A common headline read lately screams of crows squawking in Caldwell. As the crows fly in in tremendous numbers, so to does our council member ration seem to be increasing. In our past 7 years this council has started small with approximately 5 members and now currently resides with 45 members who come together on a bimonthly basis. But this council doesn't always escape criticism. We as youth have been seen as crows ourselves. We have been known to squawk, cry out and sometimes seem out of place and in the way. But as these real crows fly out those stereotypical and pessimistic views of teens are flying with them. This city has begun to realize what the youth mean to the future, and as you can see, we are the key. We will unlock the door to many vivid futures and possibly become another Mayor Nancolas. I can safely say we are far ahead of the nation in securing our youth and leading them to a successful future. And in my past 3 years as a Council member I have gone from a silent, not so involved "baby crow", to a mature and strong leader acting as last years executive secretary then to this councils first ever male chairperson. Being the first male chair has been an amazing honor but surprisingly this is not the only first our council has seen. What the Mayors Youth Advisory Council is doing *now* doesn't only extend into this year and last, it follows up on nearly a decade of prior work.

For years we anticipated the opening of our first YMCA, and now reality has been achieved when others thought we would never see the day. Caldwell's biggest addition is fully functioning and well on its way to creating a better tomorrow. Also looking back we realize what has once been covered has now been revived and rejuvenated. For years the people of Caldwell pinned brains over brawn in the annual tug-o-war match over Indian creek. Now as this city is gradually becoming a water front community, we will be able to bring old traditions back. One to leave out though that proves Caldwell has had its own hardships is the flood of 1910. Eventually, the people of Caldwell over came and now more than 96 years later look at the natural beauty we have. The MYAC was a vital part in the planning and designing of Indian Creek and we too helped it become reality. But desolation doesn't only knock at our door. When hurricane Katrina hit in late September, our council was eager to lend our support. In early October we sent 13 shoe boxes full of every necessity any teen would need. Each box totaled over \$15 and found its way to the hearts and hands of many. After Caldwell has seen some hard times of its own, it was time for us to give back.

Recently we've been spending our time focused on home. For the past weeks we've been sorting through and distributing the many gifts and donations this community shared with over 600 of its needy families in conjunction with the Salvation Army.. This community came together in times of desperation and protected our own and gave them a Christmas. And as we look at the impact we've had, we realize how many we've helped and how many we've encourage to hang on.

Along with giving our community members a chance at a new life, we are continuing our actions of support. Recently we've been finalizing a 45 acre park, completely 100% youth designed. We are now currently sharing this joy with a new generation by allowing Caldwell's .middle school students to name our what we currently call Pipe Dream Park. And one of the first projects in its final steps is our skate boardinḡ site we've been completinḡ with the help of A.C.I. student Mark Pemble.

We've expanded our knowledge of Indian Creek with Sibylle Gorla, this year's executive Historian, during her Channel 7 interview. We've been graced with new members from charter schools as well as home schools. We've also had drop-ins from other councils longing to follow in our foot steps. The Caldwell's MYAC has been working hard to serve this community for all ages. From helping out at the DARE/PAL Halloween party, to attending conferences and spreading our knowledge nation wide. But looking out for our city now is yet again, not the only focus of this council.

In the up coming weeks we look forward to reading to underage children, capturing what freedom means in Caldwell for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day photo contest, and to yet again beginning the planning process for this year's Community Pride Week. It's this Community Pride week and other events that draw this city together and helped us obtain the prestigious "Top 100 Cities for Youth to Grow up in" award that would have never been in arms reach without the cooperation of everyone in this fine city. I had the pleasure of attending this conference in Washington D.C. with the Mayor and was proud to be the only youth representing all in the city of Caldwell.

Before this session comes to a close I would like to share with you a few final anecdotes that prove what we here in Caldwell are doing as a family is affecting others nation wide. Recently our executive vice chair Brad Burbank, 2 year voting member Amanda Holmes and the Mayor traveled to a conference in San Antonio during which they gave a routine speech that unconsciously changed an individuals life. During a workshop, this certain individual was taking notes and taking to heart what these 2 were saying. Back home Amanda and Brad knew nothing of the impact they had on that individuals life until executive Treasurer Kevin Tucker and 2 year member Kathleen Momont attended the National League of Cities in Charlotte, North Carolina. While there Kevin, Kathleen and the Mayor encountered a man who attended a conference in San Antonio and who was so deeply impacted and moved, he started a council of his own back home. He recognized Caldwell's name and approached Kevin and Kathleen who he offered masses of gratitude and congratulations. When this story was brought back to the council, we realized that we are not only changing the lives of citizens in Caldwell, we are changing others one life and one community at a time.

As this story comes forth I recognize one last thing. Someone else in this room is so important to this council, words could never express it. When this certain individual comes to mind, I recall a quote. "To the world you may just be somebody, but to somebody you may just be the world" and to this council, Mayor Nancolas, this quote rings true. You've taken in these societal crowds and channeled our voices into something so strong, and so positive that it has had an affect world wide. As I filled out my application to the University of Redlands I was asked to complete an essay about a leader or community member who has impacted me most. I chose to write about you Mayor Nancolas and how our city means so much to you. I wrote about what you have done for this community and how little of the credit you accept. And six weeks later when I opened my letter of acceptance I found written in blue ball point pen the words "P.S. Scott- Mr. Nancolas sounds like an amazing leader and so do you. It really is quite an awesome opportunity to have someone so dedicated to the youth to be your mentor and inspire so many". And that Mr. Mayor is exactly what you do. You inspire this council and I to give back to a community or village that has helped raise us all. You have completed this family and Caldwell is forever in debt to you. So once again, thank you for being so sincere, selfless and spirited. You bring

Section 2

Steps to Organize a Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Starting your Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

By Mayor Nancolas

It is Absolutely imperative to develop relationships with the youth if you are going to instill trust in them. There is nothing more important than having the youth know who you are, what you believe in and what you stand for if you are going to encourage their participation in a youth advisory council. There are numerous ways to accomplish this, however, one of the most effective ways is simply spending time with them, at their activities, on their terms. Provided for you below is a list of ideas that have been very successful in developing relationships with the youth in the City of Caldwell.

- Send Letters to all the schools within your city limits, making yourself available and requesting that they include you and notify you of their events.
- Attend sporting activities, recitals, plays, competitions or wherever members of your youth advisory council are involved.
- Teach the government classes at your junior and senior high schools.
- Ask to be invited to speak at assemblies
- Attend pep rallies prior to sporting events.
- Conduct and participate in spelling bees and geography bees.
- Volunteer to be a guest coach at any sporting activities..
- Volunteer to be a guest speaker at graduations, career days, or special events at the elementary, junior high or high schools.
- Show up at the schools randomly during lunchtimes and visit with students.
- Sponsor fundraising events such as Mayor's Old Guys basketball team vs. Varsity teams.
- Attend youth summer activities such as baseball parades
- Volunteer to work with local sponsors of youth activities to throw out the first pitch, shoot the first basket etc.
- Volunteer reading to students on Dr. Seuss' birthday and during national reading week.
- Send Cards to students who are recognized in the newspaper, congratulating them on their accomplishments and community service.

These are some samples of ideas that have worked well. I am sure that you will have many opportunities to develop relationships with the youth in your community. I can not over emphasize the importance of getting to know your youth on a first name basis and being involved with them whenever and wherever possible.

Sample Letter To Schools

August 27, 2001
Jonathan Cline, Principle
Wilson Elementary School
400 Linden
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Dear Mr. Cline:

I firmly believe that a community is measured by how well it takes care of its younger citizens. I so much appreciate the wonderful work that you do on behalf of the youth of Caldwell and the surrounding community. These young individuals are truly our greatest asset and resource and the strength of our future.

I would like to make myself available to you and your students in any way that you feel that I could be of benefit. I would be willing to help with programs, or anything that you feel would be appropriate. I truly love every moment I have spent at our schools and would be honored to help in any way at all.

Thank you again for all that you do and I look forward to coming to your school and working with you and your teachers to provide a quality experience for the youth of Caldwell.

Sincerely,

Garret L. Nancolas, Mayor
City of Caldwell

BY-LAWS
OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CALDWELL, IDAHO

(Amended January 2005)

WHEREAS the youth of the City of Caldwell, Idaho (hereinafter "the City") constitute an underutilized resource of ideas, knowledge and experience with respect to the City and its affairs; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of the City of Caldwell (hereinafter "the Mayor") desires and seeks input from the youth into the affairs and issues of the City through a Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS the students of Vallivue High School and Caldwell High School are willing to devote their time and energy into improving the City and the community through a Mayor's Youth Advisory Council;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Caldwell hereby establish the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and adopt the following By-Laws.

ARTICLE I. INTENT

The intent in preparing and adopting these By-Laws is to provide a framework for organization of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, its actions and agenda. It is not the intent of the City, or the officers and members hereinafter described to create a legal entity of any sort including without limitation, a corporation, non-profit corporation, limited liability company, partnership nor any other business, public or quasi-public entity.

ARTICLE II. OFFICES

The principal location of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall be at the Office of the Mayor, 621 Cleveland Boulevard, Caldwell, Idaho 83605. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council may have such other offices as the Executive Committee may designate or as the business of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council may require from time to time.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section 1. **Regular Meetings.** The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall hold eighteen (18) regular meetings during the school year, two (2) in each of the months between September and May of the school year. The meetings shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noticed pursuant to these By-Laws.

Section 2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. **Place of Meeting.** The Executive Committee may designate any place as the place of meeting for any meeting called by the Executive Committee. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the principal location of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Decision

Section 4. **Notice of Meeting.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, shall, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, be delivered not less than forty-eight (48) hours nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally, by e-mail, or by regular mail, by or at the direction of the chairperson, or the secretary, to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting. The notice of a regular or special meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall specify the purpose of the meeting, including amendment to these By-Laws, or business to be transacted at such meeting and the agenda to be considered.

Section 5. **Quorum.** At least six (6) members entitled to vote, which must include a minimum of two members from each of the schools represented, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the members. If less than a quorum of such members is represented at a meeting, the members present shall adjourn the meeting. The members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, but only if a quorum was present at the time the agenda has been approved and attendance of the members has been taken. If a quorum is present at the time the agenda has been approved and attendance of the members has been taken, a majority of the members comprising the quorum is required for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to take action upon any item set forth in the approved agenda. Should the votes be evenly split, the Mayor shall cast a deciding vote.

Section 6. **Proxies.** At all meetings of members, a member may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member. Such proxy shall be left with the secretary prior to or at the time of the meeting.

Section 7. **Membership and Voting Rights.** Membership on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall be comprised of five (5) voting members and five (5) alternate members from Caldwell High School and five (5) voting members and five (5) alternate members from Vallivue High School. All twenty (20) members and general members shall attend regular meetings. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council may also have an unlimited number of general members. General members can be from either Vallivue or Caldwell High Schools and can take part in any committee they choose but are not voting members. Members shall serve until they resign or are otherwise ineligible for membership under these By-Laws. Nominees to fill vacancies in membership from either school shall be made by the existing Executive Committeemen from that school. If there is no Executive Committeeman from a school with a vacancy in membership, the members from that school shall make the nomination. Nominations for membership shall be subject to confirmation of the City Council. Members from each school shall designate their voting and alternate members which designation shall last for one (1) year. In the absence of any voting member at any meeting, and where the absent voting member has not arranged to vote by proxy pursuant to Section 6 of this Article, an alternate from the same school shall be deemed a voting member for that meeting.

Section 8. **Termination of Membership.** Any member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council may resign at any time, provided, however, that for courtesy and efficiency purposes, notice of resignation shall be in writing and copies given to the chairperson and the Mayor. Any member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned his/her membership automatically upon the occurrence of any of the following: 1) failing to be present at any four (4) or more regular meetings, unless a reasonable excuse acceptable to both a majority of the Executive Committee and the Mayor is provided; 2) failing to be enrolled at either Vallivue High School or Caldwell High School; and 3) failing to maintain good standing at the school in which such member is enrolled; provided, however, that a graduating senior may retain membership on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council through August following such senior's graduation.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. **General Powers and duties.** The business and affairs of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council shall be managed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for planning the agenda for the school year and for each of the regular meetings of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, setting and proposing potential subcommittees, and discharging any other responsibilities assigned by the Executive Committee or determined by majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Section 2. **Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The number of executives on the Executive Committee shall be five (5) members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Executives shall be elected by secret ballot at the first regular meeting of the members of the school year, and the term of office of each director shall be one (1) year, commencing September 1 and continuing to August 31 of the following year, or until the first regular meeting of members of the following school year and the election and qualification of successors. The executives shall be nominated from among the members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and each school shall be represented on the Executive Committee. Any nominee for an executive office position must have served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council or a minimum of (1) one year. The Executive Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a historian, a treasurer and a secretary, each of whom shall be elected by secret ballot of the voting and alternate members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Section 3. **Regular Executive Committee Meetings.** A regular meeting of the Executive Committee may be held without other notice than this by-law, during or immediately following, and at the same place as each of the eighteen (18) regular meetings of the members. The Executive Committee shall provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of three (3) additional regular meetings during the months of June, July and August immediately following the school year without other notice than such resolution. Additional regular meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in the absence of any designation in the resolution.

Section 4. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by or at the request of the chairperson or other executive, and shall be held at the principal office of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council or at such other place as the Executive Committee may determine.

Section 5. **Notice.** Notice of any additional or special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given as outlined above in Article III, Section 4 of these by-laws. The notice shall specify the purpose of, or business to be transacted at, such a meeting and the agenda thereof.

Section 6. **Quorum.** A majority of the number of executives fixed by these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Committee, but if less than such majority is present, the attending executives may adjourn the meeting.

Section 7. **Election and Term of Office.** The executives to be elected by the members shall be elected annually by the members at the last meeting of the school year. Nominations for Executive Committee positions can only be made by voting and/or alternate members. Each executive shall hold office until resignation or termination in the manner herein provided.

Section 8. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee because of resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by secret ballot of a majority of the remaining voting members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. An executive so elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office.

Section 9. **Powers and Duties.** The powers and duties of the several officers shall be as provided from time to time by resolution or directives of the members.

The **chairperson** shall preside over and conduct all meetings of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and of the Executive Committee, determine agendas for the regular meetings of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and the Executive Committee, act as spokesperson for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, act as signatory on all documents for which the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council provides authorization to sign, delegate authority to any executive or member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council if circumstances so warrant, and act upon any other matters and in the manner authorized by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

The **vice-chairperson** shall act in the place of the chairperson upon the chairperson's absence or inability to act as authorized herein, and take action as delegated by the chairperson.

The **historian** shall act as the record keeper of all activities of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, keep archives, and deal with media relations as chair of the standing Mayor's Public Relations Committee of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

The **treasurer** shall chair the standing Finance Committee and be responsible for all financial matters of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council including the budget, financial reports, vouchers, and the books or ledgers.

The **secretary** shall prepare the minutes of each meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and Executive Committee prior to the next regular meeting, prepare and mail the notices of each meeting and prepare and enclose the agendas for each meeting with the notice of such meetings. Act in the place of the chairperson upon the chairperson and vice-chairperson's absence or inability to act as authorized herein, and take action as delegated by the chairperson.

A member of the Executive Committee who fails or refuses to fulfill the duties associated with his/her position may be removed from the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members of the Youth Advisory Council.

Section 10. **Agendas.** Any member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council may submit a request for placement of an item on the agenda to any member of the Executive Committee for consideration at the next following regular meeting. Such request shall be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the chairperson and, if placed upon the agenda, shall be considered at a regular meeting determined by the by the Executive Committee, provided adequate and sufficient notice of the item for consideration has been given as set forth herein.

ARTICLE V. SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1. **Standing committees.** The following subcommittees shall be standing committees, and their term shall be perpetual: the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and the Mayor's Public Relations Committee of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Section 2. **Ad hoc committees.** Any other subcommittees the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council determines are necessary shall be created for the limited term of the remainder of the school year and shall continue during such school year at the discretion of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Such subcommittees shall be created by a majority vote of a quorum of members at any of the regular meetings of the members.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted by the Mayor's Youth Executive Council with prior written notice to the members as provided herein; provided, however, that such alterations, amendments or repeals first be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting and/or alternate members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and provided further that vote by proxy shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VII. ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The foregoing By-Laws were regularly adopted at a meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and thereafter ratified at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Caldwell. These By-Laws shall be effective as of the 1st day of September, 2000 as from time to time amended.

Executive Committeeman

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Mayor, _____
Address _____
Contact Phone Number _____
Application Deadline _____

Student's Name: _____
Student's Address: _____
City Student Resides in: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Student's Email Address: _____
School Student Attends: _____ Year in School: _____
Student's GPA: _____
School Principal: _____ School Phone Number: _____
How did you hear about MYAC? _____

What school activities are you involved in? Positions/ Offices?
Awards/Honors? _____

What types of activities or extracurricular programs are you involved in? Positions/
Offices? Awards/Honors? _____

Why do you want to be a member of the MYAC? _____

What qualities do you have that would benefit the MYAC? _____

Why is youth involvement important in the community? _____

What types of community projects/service would you like to be part of? _____

In one paragraph, please explain why you should be selected to be a member of the
MYAC. _____

Submitted by: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Sample Meeting Agenda

Mayors Youth Advisory Council
Caldwell Police Department
February 1, 2006
Agenda

Approval of January 18th minutes

Committee Reports

Bylaws

Finance

Community of Promise

Skate Park

3. Member Reports

Chamber of Commerce

Y.M.C.A.

4. Fundraising

5. NLC Conference

7. Bowling Tournament

8. Reading to Elementary Kids Recap

9. Army Banquet

10. Community Pride Week

11. Old Guys vs. Young guys

Sample Meeting Minutes

Caldwell Police Department

January 4, 2006

Attendance: Scott Hutton, Brad Burbank, Regan Heath, Kevin Tucker, Sibylle Gorla, Kathleen Momont, Hannah Hogg, Amanda Holmes, Sammi Jo Nancolas, Brittany Parker, Keith Evans, Jackie Beavers, Alex Anderson, Paige Baxter, Alex Hernandez, Karra Biddle, Kimera Nielson, Kristen Favillo, Angela Bush, Frank Walling, Seve Ozuna, Jessica McIntyre, Jessica Vincent, Kennedy Wise

Agenda

Approval of Jan. 4th minutes
Committee Reports
Member Reports
Fundraiser
D.C. Conference
State of the City
MLK Recap
Army Banquet
Bowling Tournament
Other Items of Business
Adjourn

The meeting began at 6:06p.m. with the approval of January 18th minutes. The motion came from Kennedy and the second by Alex.

Committee Reports

Bylaws- the bylaws committee had a phone conference with the city attorney. Changes were made to the bylaws. These changes will be brought to the next meeting for the approval from the council.

Finance- no update

Community of Promise- the city website has been update. We have decided to add the minutes and the agenda every week to the website. Quotes are also needed from anyone who attended the State of the City address.

Skate Park- Their will be a tournament hosted by the skate park committee. For a fundraiser they will be selling t-shirts. The next meeting will be on Feb. 1st at 5:00p.m. This will be the beginning of the RFQ process.

There were no member updates.

The letter for fundraising will be finalized to be sent to different businesses to raise money for the NLC trip. The NLC trip is coming soon so anyone who has an issue they wish to discuss needs to write a paper for the attendees to take.

Sample Meeting Minutes Continued

The Bowling tournament has been postponed until the Mayor calls to make it official.

Reading to the schools is scheduled for January 20th. If you signed up to read to schools make sure to show up at the right school. Bring one of your favorite books.

Martin Luther King Junior Day went really well. All the photographs that were submitted were great. Awards were given to the best pictures.

There will be an Army banquet on Saturday February 11th. It will be at O'Conner field house at 6:30-8:30p.m.

Community Pride week is scheduled for April 22nd. The Committee has chosen Clean-up Caldwell. A motion of approval was made by Sammi and seconded by Kathleen.

Old guys basketball is scheduled for March. Make sure to start thinking about a fundraiser for half time. Last year was a huge success, let's make this year even better!

Amanda and Kathleen motioned to adjourn.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mayor's Community Service Awards are given to graduating seniors enrolled in post high school studies for outstanding service contributions to the community. The Mayor's Community Service Award was established in January of 1998 for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of service to our fellowman in developing the skills of quality leadership.

Mail application to:

Mayor's Community Service Award - P.O. Box 1177, Caldwell, ID 83606.
Please include name and address of educational institution you are pursuing.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this application and return it with references to the designated address above – **BEFORE THE APRIL 15 DEADLINE.**

Application must be typed or printed neatly with black ink.

PART I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Mailing Address _____
(number and street)

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code/Phone _____ High School _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

PART II. SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Summarize your community service activities, your role and why you became involved? Include dates.

2. Briefly describe the activities of service (month/year), total service hours and the names and telephone number of the person responsible for the service activity.

PART III. ESSAY

1. Describe your plans for the future and how they relate to citizenship.
In 300 words or less describe how participation in community service activities has helped you become a better citizen. Include your opinion of the long-term benefits to the recipients of your service.

PART IV. REFERENCES

Using the attached Personal Reference form, submit **two** references. References must be from persons representing two different service activities listed in Part II of this application. References **must** be sent directly to the selection committee by the person completing the form.

PART V. AGREEMENT

I have read and hereby accept the conditions, rules and regulations outlined on page 1 of the application, and I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final.

I certify that I did not receive any assistance (other than typing, if applicable) in completing this application.

I understand that this award is taxable in the United States. (Recipients in other areas should check local tax laws.)

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

MAYOR'S SERVICE AWARD

STUDENT SERVICE AWARD CANDIDATE

Thank you for taking the next few moments of your time to recommend _____

for consideration as a Mayor Service Awards program candidate. You are requested to evaluate this student's participation in the service activity described below.

Service Activity	Date	Candidate Service Hours
1. Did the candidate participate in the service activity		Yes/No
2. Are the service hours accurately stated?		Yes/No
3. Did the candidate make a positive contribution to the completion of this service activity?		Yes/No
4. Did the candidate respect others and go the extra mile during the service activity?		Yes/No
5. Did the candidate complete assignments as required?		Yes/No
6. Would you invite the candidate to participate in other service activities?		Yes/No

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone ()

Sample City Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community service is essential to the well being and quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, being involved in community service helps to develop characteristics of good citizenship such as commitment, dedication, compassion, work ethic, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Community Service Award was established in January of 1998 for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of service to our fellow man in developing the skills of quality leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Community Service Awards are given each year to graduating seniors enrolled in post high school studies; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Taylor has exhibited all of these outstanding characteristics through her community service effort; and

WHEREAS, those efforts have benefited the Wilder School District, Oregon Trail Church of God Youth Group, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, McCall High School Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, and the Caldwell Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, those projects will have a lasting benefit for all the citizen in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Garret Nancolas, Mayor of the City of Caldwell do hereby proclaim May 18th, 2005 as

Danielle Taylor Day

in the City of Caldwell, and encourage all students and citizens of Caldwell to join me in congratulating Danielle Taylor for her outstanding leadership, commitment, and recognition of the value of community service.

Garret L. Nancolas, Mayor
City of Caldwell

Section 3

**Caldwell Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Activities,
Awards, Goals and Articles**

MYAC Activities

- Buckaroo Breakfast
- Mayor's Charity Basketball Game
- Speaking Engagements with local service organizations; Kiwanas, Lions, Optimist, Rotary, etc.
- Community Pride Day and Week
- 4th of July and Christmas Parades
- Reading at elementary schools
- Salvation Army Christmas Food and Toy Drive
- Letter Carrier's Food Drive
- Arbor Day Tree Planting
- State of the City Presentations
- Training other municipalities on how to form a MYAC
- Clean children's playground at Hopes Door women's shelter
- MLK Day Photo Competition
- Volunteering at senior centers
- Representation on city design charettes

Caldwell MYAC Ad Hoc and Permanent Committees

Train Depot Committee:

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) helped plan and run festivities for the unveiling and opening of an example park on Indian Creek and the new train depot Plaza. They also participated in design sessions for both the park and the plaza. The committee is currently searching for funding to provide a computer for the interpretive center that will be a part of the newly remodded facilities.



YMCA Committee: Planned fundraisers for the YMCA. MYAC members also helped plan and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on opening day. There are currently two members of the MYAC on the YMCA Steering committee that help plan programs.



Caldwell Family YMCA

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee meets bi monthly year round to make decisions about the direction and activities of the council.



Executive Committee 2005-2006

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to make a budget outline that is presented to the MYAC for approval. They also make recommendations to the MYAC about how much should be spent on a given project.

By-Laws Committee:

The By-Laws Committee meets twice a year to discuss what ammendments can be made to the by-laws to help the MYAC run more smoothly. They discuss their recommended changes with the mayor and the city attorney and work with them on the wording to ensure that the changes being made are appropriate. Once a new draft of the by-laws is complete the committee presents it to the council to get approval.

Chamber of Commerce: MYAC members attend Chamber of Commerce meetings twice a month as representatives of the MYAC and to report back to the council on current issues and projects of the Caldwell chamber of Commerce.

Indian Creek Committee:

The Indian Creek Committee helped plan and promote the opening of Indian Creek through Caldwell. They also volunteered during the first annual Indian Creek Festival.

Before



After



Skate Park Committee:

The Skate Park Committee has worked hard all year researching regional skate parks, voting on desired features and planning fundraisers. They have also been heavily involved in writing and sending out the Request for Qualifications and deciding which of the design companies should be asked back for further interviews. As end users themselves they were able to provide valuable input about the quality of construction and the reputations of the designers.



Community Pride Week Committee:

The MYAC took over this community wide service project from the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce when it was in danger of being dropped from lack of support. Members of the council chose locations and projects to work on provided food for over 100 volunteers and were responsible for leading groups of volunteers at the different locations.



Goals of the Caldwell MYAC

Train and motivate municipalities in creating Mayor's Youth Advisory Councils in their communities.

Provide youth with valuable leadership experience.
Involve at risk youth in their community.

Increase the involvement of youth on city boards and councils.

Provide youth with the opportunity to learn from and network with youth from around the nation.

Monthly service projects chosen by the council that fulfill an important need in the community.

Awards, Recognition

The Caldwell MYAC has been recognized with many awards and grants.

Technical assistance grants have been awarded by the:

National League of Cities (2002)

Communities of Promise (2003)

And the Association of Idaho Cities/ Governor's Round Table (2003)

The MYAC received the City Achievement Award from the Association of Idaho Cities (2003) and was asked to participate in the National Leadership Conference Showcase of Cities in Nashville, Tennessee (2003).

In 2004 Caldwell became a City of Promise in recognition of the city's efforts to give children the skills and assets they need to succeed in life through programs like the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

In 2004 the MYAC again by the National Leadership Conference to send representatives to San Jose to present on the MYAC.

Most recently the City of Caldwell and the MYAC were recognized with the 100 Best Communities for Young People Award (2005) and the Governor's Brightest Stars Award (2006)

2005 – 2006 Trips

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council was able to send nine members of their council to four different national conferences during the 2005-2006 school year. The trips that the youth take with Mayor Nancolas allow them to learn networking and leadership skills. They get a chance to talk to other communities at the conference about their struggles, successes and goals for the future. The conferences give them the opportunity to learn about how cities and communities function so that they can come back to Caldwell to share and apply their new skills.



Mayor Nancolas, Amanda Holmes (MYAC Voting Member), and Brad Burbank (MYAC Vice-Chair) at the San Antonio NLC conference. At this conference they were interviewed on the radio about the Caldwell MYAC.



Mandy DeCastro, Tim Russert (Meet the Press), Kelly Houston, and Scott Hutton (MYAC Chair) at the 100 Best Communities for Young People Celebration in Washington D.C.



Kathleen Momont (MYAC Voting Member) and Kevin Tucker (MYAC Treasurer) thinking hard during a workshop at the Charlotte North Carolina NLC Conference



Frank Walling (MYAC Voting Member), Sybille Gorla (MYAC Historian), Alex Anderson (MYAC Voting Member), a Nampa MYAC Delegate, and Kennedy Wise (MYAC Voting Member) toured the capitals historic sites and met with their national representatives during the NLC Conference in Washington D.C.

Articles



Submitted photo

From left to right are Mayor Nancolas, Chris Housh, Alex Anderson, Pam Nancolas, Frank Wallings, Sibylle Gorla, a congressional aide, Kennedy Wise, a congressional aide, Jia Agenbroad and Mayor Dale.

Mayors, youth ^{5/11/06} journey to Washington, D.C.

TREASURE VALLEY — Recently Mayor Garret Nancolas and Mayor Tom Dale, along with six youth delegates, attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. Four of the six delegates were selected from the Caldwell Mayor's Youth Advisory Council including Alex Anderson, Sibylle Gorla, Frank Wallings and Kennedy Wise. The two delegates from Nampa were Jia Agenbroad and Chris Housh.

During the conference, youth

were able to associate with other delegates from across the nation, listen to speakers such as First Lady Laura Bush and John Kashich, and meet with Congressmen Craig and Crapo. Congressional issues were discussed along with proposals from the youth concerning alternative fuel resources and land conservation. In addition to the conference, youth were able to visit many historic sites, tour the Capitol Building and see the White House.

▼ ENVIRONMENT:

Volunteers, companies lend services for Community Pride Week; many activities Saturday

By Mike Butts

Idaho Press-Tribune

CALDWELL — If you still have trash and junk in the closets, garage or yard after the upcoming week in Caldwell, you don't have an excuse.

Today through Saturday is the time for Caldwell residents to beautify their city and get rid of unwanted items of all kinds. The annual Caldwell Community Pride Week will present numerous opportunities for residents to dispose of everything from old tires to broken washing machines.

The week will culminate with a volunteer Caldwell Clean-up Day on Saturday. And today through Saturday, residents can get their old cars towed away for free or toss their worn-out couches.

"Last year was a really successful event, and we're hoping

Community

will also pick up items like furniture and lawn clippings on normal trash days. No refrigerators or tires. Monday through Saturday at Centennial Park (Centennial Way and Chicago Street); and Saturday at Jefferson Middle School, 3311 S. 10th Ave.

■ Appliances and metal

United Metal will pick up aluminum cans, pipe, sheet or scrap metal, copper, brass, radiators, stainless steel, tin, appliances, iron, car bodies, motors, and batteries. (Will not pay for batteries.) Bring items to the curb and United Metal will take it away for no charge. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. 459-1617.

■ Trash and large items

BFI will have Dumpsters at two locations for big items. BFI

Pride Week

■ Old tires

Les Schwab will accept four tires per household. Unmounted passenger and pickup tires only. Collection bin at Jefferson Middle School from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Oil and antifreeze

Commercial Fuel Oil will dispose used oil and antifreeze at no cost. No containers may be left behind. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Centennial Park (Centennial Way and Chicago Street).

■ Landfill items

Pickles Butte Landfill fee will be waived on Saturday. Restrictions apply. Open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 466-7288.

■ Caldwell Clean-up Day

Led by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will clean areas downtown and along Indian Creek and paint over graffiti throughout Caldwell. Volunteers needed and welcome. Meet at the Hartwell Corporation at 1220 Cleveland Blvd. at 9 a.m. Light breakfast and lunch included.

of Commerce.

Youth Council members are recruiting volunteers to meet at the Hartwell Corporation at 9 a.m. Saturday and then head out for various clean-up projects.

"They had over 100 people last year and 46 the year before," Youth Advisory Council

adviser Emiline Hogg said. "We're hoping to keep upping the number."

Anyone can volunteer for the clean-up day. Volunteers will pick up trash downtown and along Indian Creek, paint over graffiti around town and spruce up the home of at least one local

senior citizen.

Others will serve coffee, juice and doughnuts in the morning and pizza at Memorial Park when the work is finished at noon. Organizers will hand out awards Saturday at the park for groups that have done the best work.



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Summit Spotlight: Making the Case for Investments in Children, Youth and Families

by William H. Woodwell Jr.

Making the case for citywide action is one of the first challenges facing local elected officials and their partners working to strengthen families and improve outcomes for children and youth.

Participants in the 2005 National Summit on Your City's Families, held last month in San Antonio, Texas, heard from local officials, communications experts and others about successful strategies for generating community support for new and expanded initiatives and investments.

A common theme in the conversations at the summit: emphasizing return on investment and accountability as opposed to tugging at people's heartstrings and making moralistic appeals.

"We need to make this not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do," said Janelle Cousino, vice president of the communications firm Fowler Hoffman in Washington, D.C.

Big Returns for Investments in Little People

Cousino presented her views in a summit session entitled "From Our Front Porch to Yours: Strategies to Get the Word Out."

Among the **City of Caldwell MYAC**

affiliate in San Antonio.

McGrath described San Antonio's Early ON, which teams the city with the media, the schools and community-based organizations in a wide-ranging public awareness effort to educate parents and early childhood providers about school readiness.

Early ON, according to McGrath, was launched in 2000 after educators and other community members expressed alarm about the large numbers of local children who were entering kindergarten unprepared.

To recruit business support for the campaign, its organizers stressed research showing that every \$1 invested in early childhood education resulted in \$4.47 in increased economic activity in the community. The same \$1 investment also yields \$7.26 in savings because of reduced levels of crime and lower costs for special education and welfare.

"The idea we started to communicate to the community was that these early investments produce big rewards down the line," said McGrath, "including a better-prepared and more highly paid workforce."

Another community that has been working to emphasize the positive economic impacts of investments in early childhood education is Greenville, S.C.

Like San Antonio's Early ON, Greenville's Early Childhood Development Strategic Plan is based on an understanding that support from the private sector is crucial if government intends to expand early childhood programming.

"We are a business-oriented community," said Mayor Pro Tem Diane Smock, citing the presence in the Greenville area of such international companies as BMW, Michelin, and Hitachi.

"We had to come up with reasons why city government should be involved in this issue, even though we do not run the schools."

As in San Antonio, the case for action was made largely on economic grounds. To build support among larger businesses in the area, Greenville leaders emphasized the role of early education in ensuring a productive and qualified future workforce.

And, in their outreach to smaller "Mom-and-Pop" businesses, the city and its partners emphasized how quality preschool programs can reduce absenteeism and stress among working parents.

Smock described the city's message in simple terms, "If our families are prospering, then our businesses prosper and our city prospers."

Institutionalizing a Focus on Youth

Among the summit participants seeking insights on communications and outreach issues was a group from Minneapolis, where the city's Youth Coordinating Board is beginning work on a 15-year action plan for enhancing healthy child and youth development.

Team members, who included representatives of the city, the schools and Youth Coordinating Board staff, used their time together at the summit to brainstorm about opportunities for building communitywide support for the agenda.

In discussions with a facilitator that NLC provided for city teams of four or more at the summit, the six-member team identified a number of strategies for moving forward. Among the ideas: creating and disseminating standards to bring more attention to the essential elements of successful youth programs; and sponsoring citizen surveys to get the public's input on key investments in children and families.

"One thing we are looking at is how to institutionalize this focus on children and youth so it doesn't rely on just one person or group," said Judith Kahn, executive director of the Youth Coordinating Board.

Alan Ickler, community education manager with Minneapolis Public Schools, suggested that the group might want to create a few "modest goals" for the first one to three years of the effort rather than framing an overly ambitious agenda.

"Early victories can get a lot of publicity" and generate community support for continued progress, he said.

Accountability as a Selling Point

Mayor Otis Johnson of Savannah, Ga., put in a word for accountability as a cornerstone of any effort to build public support for investments in children, youth, and families. In the closing general session of the conference, Johnson appeared with Mayors Ron Gonzales of San Jose, Calif., and Bill Purcell of Nashville, Tenn.

Under his administration, Johnson said, Savannah is striving to revitalize low-income, "forgotten" neighborhoods through a comprehensive approach aimed at strengthening families and getting

citizens involved.

"If we want strong neighborhoods, we have to have strong families in those neighborhoods," he said.

The challenge, however, is that many residents and business and community leaders may be wary of an expanded government commitment to these neighborhoods. Among the reasons: the failure of similarly well-intentioned efforts in the past.

"Public confidence in our ability to use money wisely is low," Johnson said.

As a result, Savannah is making accountability and measurement key features of its neighborhood revitalization work. "Talking about doing good may be necessary, but it is insufficient," he said.

"Unless we can measure what we are achieving, we can't get funding and keep the public will in place."

Details: For more information on discussions at the summit, go to www.nlc.org/iyef.

Tapping the Youth Voice

During a question-and-answer session following her remarks at the Summit on Your City's Families, Carol Bellamy, president and CEO of World Learning and former director of UNICEF, suggested that young people should be recruited as spokespeople and advocates for initiatives that can benefit them and their peers.

"Get young people to talk about how they think the city can be better," Bellamy advised. "It brings a real freshness to the discussion and a firsthand perspective on issues from parks and recreation to what's happening or not in the afterschool hours."

Not only can the "youth voice" raise important issues, but talking with young people also can help local elected officials better understand their parents' concerns and priorities, Bellamy said.

The benefits of engaging young people were the focus of a summit session entitled, "Youth Voice, Youth Leadership." The session drew attention to the work of three diverse cities to engage teens in local decision-making. Presenters included members of the Mayor's Youth Corps in Tampa, Fla.; Claremont, Calif.'s Teen Committee; and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in Caldwell, Idaho.

Caldwell students Brad Burbank and Amanda Holmes, both 17, said the council recently played a key role in bringing a new YMCA to their city. "It was an idea that came from the youth in the community, and the council really helped make it happen," said Burbank.

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