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Youth Council

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

UPS Customer Center, Desert Mountain District, Tucson Conference Room
899 East Silverlake Road, Tucson, Arizona 85713

Meeting Summary

Members Present

Vaughn Croft, Chair Ed Dummitt
Deborah Dixon Arnold Palacios
Johanna Duffek

Members Absent

Daphanie Conner Bev Paul
Deborah Embry Fran Embrey-Senechal
Liz Gulick Julia Strange
Amanda Kucich James Zarlring
Bill Marquez

Pima County Staff and Guests

Anna M. Cunes Tim Kennedy
Michael Gates MaryAnn Phininzy
Dana Katbah

- I. Call to Order: 3:35 p.m., Vaughn Croft, Chair
- II. Roll Call: Vaughn Croft
- III. Opening and Introductions: Vaughn E. Croft
- IV. UPS Tour - Ruben Rodriguez, Comprehensive Health and Safety Process Supervisor, works for the Tucson Division which serves Tucson, Safford, Sierra Vista and Nogales. Ruben introduced Ricardo Garayzar, Human Resources Recruiting Supervisor. Ruben said he has been with UPS for 13 years and also worked in the loading, unloading, human resources and hazardous materials areas. The Council enjoyed a very informative tour of the facility with Ruben and Ricardo. UPS employs close to 800 employees at this location.
- V. Action Item: Reviewed previous Meeting Summary.

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- VI. Follow up on Logistics Career Expo, held at Port of Tucson, Wednesday, April 30, 2014.
- A. Registration: 105 Youth Pre-registered; 13 Parents Attended; 73 Youth Attended; 10 Youth Walked In. 27 schools were represented.
 - B. Exhibitors, Activities, Agenda: Good feedback from youth, parents and staff regarding Bus Tours conducted by Alan Levine, Owner, Port of Tucson.
 - C. Surveys: Linda had received a hand full as of May 9 and will provide feedback after her vacation. The Council discussed that surveys could be completed by youth at future Expos and be asked to return completed surveys before they leave the Expo.
 - D. Transportation "Park and Rides": Utilized by Tucson Youth Development, Inc. (TYD), Tucson Urban League (TUL), Sunnyside High School and YouthWorks. There were about 30 who took advantage of the 04/30 transportation.
 - E. Future Expo Ideas: Michael Gates said that exposing the students to the industry helps open their eyes, if they were not already familiar with the industry. Arnold Palacios reported that the YouthWorks' youth thought it was a Career Fair and they took their resumes. The Council agreed that clarification will be needed for future Expos.
- VII. Workforce Investment Board: May 9, 2014 WIB Retreat. Vaughn Croft shared the discussions and ideas from the Youth Council Breakout Session. One included the use of videos and social media to help promote future Expos and to educate youth on the sector.
- VIII. Youth Council "Looking Back, Going Forward" Retreat: June 10, 2014, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center, Center Conf Room, 901 S. Campbell Avenue. Vaughn Croft would like the Council to discuss past and future Expos at the retreat and plan for the November 2014 Youth Career Expo. Infrastructure and Renewable Resources are the two sectors that have not been featured at a Youth Expo. MaryAnn Phininy said having participants provide feedback to their school/organization, will help spread the word along with help in planning future Expos. Johanna Duffek suggested an exit interview with youth at the Expo that would be helpful for planning future Expos. Johanna Duffek will provide an example of Key to Employment questions that could be used as an evaluation – also used with the Tucson Service Learning Group.
- IX. Announcements
- A. MaryAnn Phininy announced that RISE Equipment Recycling Center (RISE) has a community service program for youth and if an individual volunteers for 40 hours, they will receive a refurbished p.c. RISE is a subsidiary of COPE Community Services, Inc. (COPE), a 501(c)3 corporation that serves residents and faith-based community organizations throughout Pima County by creating employment opportunities through recycling.
 - B. Dana Katbah announced the Train the Trainer opportunity for Employability Skills Workshops for the Summer Youth Program, Rio Nuevo One-Stop, May 16, 9:15 a.m.

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Trainers still needed. May 27 and July 1 is when the youth will attend the Employability Skills Workshops.

- C. Michael Gates announced that on May 1, Las Artes' first group of online GED students completed their tests. In July, this first group will graduate. One female student from six years ago, recently received her Bachelors Degree from ASU as is employed.
 - D. MaryAnn Phininzy announced a Pima Community College (PCC) High School Equivalency Testing Scholarship Fundraiser to help eligible PCC Adult Education students pay fees to test for a high school equivalency certificate. The fun, family-oriented community event includes a rummage sale, silent auction, bake sale, crafts, music and more on May 23 and 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the PCC East Campus, Community Room and Mall. Tax-deductible donations can be made to PCC Adult Education at www.pima.edu/foundation. Interested students will be able to apply for a scholarship to help pay their \$140 fee for their GED test.
 - E. MaryAnn Phininzy announced the PCC 2014 High School Equivalency (HSE) Graduation, Thursday, June 5, 2014, 7 p.m., Tucson Convention Center, Music Hall.
 - F. Johanna Duffek announced that the Shyann Kindness Project needs volunteers during the summer and year round, if any youth want to volunteer. On May 31, they have a Candlelighters Camp, where gifts, books and school supplies are distributed to children who are financially challenged and medically fragile. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help carry and distribute items.
- X. Adjournment: 5:02 p.m.
- XI. Next Meeting: June 10, 2014, 10 a.m.

Statement of Purpose: The Youth Council shall establish and maintain reciprocal partnerships with employers and youth service organizations to transition youth into successful contributing members of the community.

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