

**MINUTES**  
**DESTIN YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**  
**DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**  
**4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Clerk Rey Bailey called the meeting to order on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the Destin City Hall Boardroom.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

James Ball  
Anna Marie Carroll  
Grace Fountain  
Charlie Frankfurt  
Alaina Granier  
Bianca Rodriguez  
Macy Sexton  
Alexis Ventimiglia  
Annabelle Zielinski  
Gianna Jackson  
Parker Sexton  
Briar Ramswell  
Jake Maher

**Staff Present**

Rey Bailey, City Clerk

**Visitor**

Councilman Bobby Wagner

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Objectives/Workplans

The Destin Youth Council members addressed the following initiatives/projects they would like to pursue during their term of office which expires in July 2023:

**Anna Marie Carroll**

- Support of food drive organizations (i.e., Destin Harvest House)
  - Place a box in school for people to place canned goods/non-perishable items

- Youth participation in beach cleanup efforts/pick up after tourists/show pride in the community/youth leadership
- Youth-sponsored community garden
  - Destin High School first graduating class – Incorporate “time capsules” in the garden

### **James Ball**

- Youth host “Adopt-A-Pet” Day
  - Youth to meet with officials at Pet Smart for location
  - Pet Smart will supply the animals for adoption
  - Youth hosts a rally/select day
- Recommend construction of skate park/children’s playground
  - Possible location - next to Joe’s Bayou Boat Launch
    - Location currently being used for excess parking

### **Gianna Jackson**

- Supports beach clean-up effort – there is so much trash on the beach

### **Alexis Ventimiglia**

- Beach Cleanup
  - Designate certain sections of the beach to clean
  - Recommends the city places more signs on beach accesses
    - Beach etiquette/place trash in trash cans
- Mid-Bay Bridge- reduced/discounted toll cost for students driving to/from school

### **Briar Ramswell**

- Destin Youth Council to host a youth council workshop (possibly in January 2023) – Invite other youth council groups to participate

### **Annabelle Zielinski**

- Okaloosa Tax Collector’s Office – conduct on-road driving test in Destin
  - Youth had to travel outside the city (i.e., Niceville) to take the on-road driving test
    - Those who live in Destin need to learn the road on their own city
- Airport Road speed limit
  - No one pays attention to the 30-mph speed limit; everybody is speeding

- There is nothing on the road to obstruct or slow down traffic
- Need law enforcement to enforce the speed limit or recommend changing it back to 35 mph

**Bianca Rodriguez**

- Clothing Drive – warm clothes for the needy
  - Some people do not have appropriate clothing to keep warm in the winter

**C. Frankfurt**

- Supports having on-road drivers' testing site in Destin
  - Some students have to take time out of school to take the test outside of the city
- Canned drive for Thanksgiving for the needy

**Jake Maher**

- Bring back some of the teen activities at the Destin Library

**Grace Fountain**

- Recyclables – youth create some type of large structure (i.e., large fish, large turtle...)
  - Give people incentives to clean up and their kids to want to place recyclable materials in it.

**Parker Sexton**

- Regulate Crab Island and East Pass
  - People dumping carcasses right outside the Pass which attract sharks

The youth council will prioritize above items and create workplans at their October meeting and then present them to the Destin City Council for approval.

Next, the youth council voted unanimously to authorize the chair to present the following initiatives to the Destin City Council at their October 3, 2022 meeting for their preliminary approval and/or direction.

- Beach Cleanup – seek council's approval to move forward with conducting a youth council-sponsored beach cleanup effort in October.

- Seek city council support/advise in establishing a local facility in Destin with experience, licensed instructors to administer on-road drivers' test.

B) 2022 Florida League of Cities Youth Council Video Competition

The Florida League of Cities is holding a 2022 Youth Council Video Competition. The goal of the competition is to provide a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity, and commitment to their communities.

The youth council will discuss this further at their next meeting in October.


7. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The Youth Council voted unanimously to schedule their next meeting on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

**APPROVED THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2022**

  
**Grace Fountain, Chair**

  
**Rey Bailey, City Clerk**

