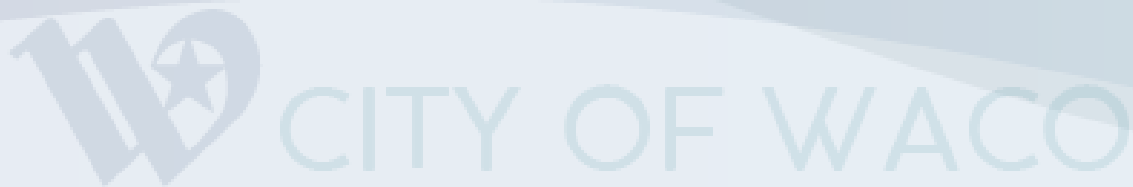


City of Waco Youth Council

Review of 2022-23 Goals – December 6, 2022

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Overview of City of Waco Youth Council

- Formally established in 1999
- Consists of 17-25 members representing a diverse cross section of the City of Waco.
Currently 25 members representing eight area high schools and all five Council Districts.
- Mission is to provide Waco's youth with an active role in addressing community issues and to serve as a voice for youth in all aspects of the community.

Overview of City of Waco Youth Council

➤ Purpose:

- Define specific ways to address community issues as they arise through the development of goals, objectives, and recommended actions;
- Encourage and promote the education of Youth regarding city government and the importance of citizen input, participation, and responsibility;
- Assist and advise the mayor, city council, and city departments;
- Conduct surveys, studies, forums, seminars, workshops, special events, and awards as appropriate; and
- Serve as youth ambassadors for the City of Waco.

2022-2023 Goals

- Promoting the arts
- Mental health (particularly for teens)
- Environmental sustainability
- Engaging teens and providing safe activities



Plans to Achieve Goals

- The Youth Engagement Workgroup
 - Plan volunteer events and will organize and run spring carnival with youth volunteers from area schools.
- The Mental Health Workgroup
 - plan a series of classes that will focus on the mental health benefits of art, hiking, and yoga.



Plans to Achieve Goals

- The Environmental Sustainability Workgroup
 - Plan visits to area elementary schools where they will present an informational assembly about the benefits of recycling and other sustainability efforts.
- The Arts Workgroup
 - Plan an art contest for area youth based on the theme: Our Clean Colorful Waco.
- Year will culminate with the Care for Waco Carnival on April 22, 2023, Earth Day, at the Doris Miller Community Center field.



Questions?



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