Minutes

Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council

October 19, 2026 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Minutes of the MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL held on October 19, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at the Community Design Studio

Call to Order

SMYC President Siddhanth Gupta called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

Attendance Roll Call

SMYC Secretary Vihaan Mehta

Pledge of Allegiance

SMYC President Siddhanth Gupta

Approval of Minutes

N/A

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The Mayor's Youth Council welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Meeting Law, the council may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed over the Council. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

1. Economic Development Presentation

- Josh Utterback, Economic Development Manager for the City of Scottsdale, presented on various topics the economic development department focuses on, including: business

attraction and business retention/expansion, public-private partnerships (Ex: ASU SkySong), target industries that Scottsdale wants to work with, and future City of Scottsdale developments

2. SMYC 2026 - 2027: Initiative Discussion

- SMYC officers and members discussed the four tentative initiatives, listed below:
    1. **Communication Skills and Networking:** Slight support, but felt it would be difficult to flesh out an entire youth town hall for this topic.
    2. **Civic Engagement (Volunteer Fair & Non-Profits):** Tabled for next year
    3. **Distracted Driving:** Edited topic slightly, but chose Road Safety as the topic for 2027 Youth Town Hall
    4. **Sustainability (Water):** While pertinent, felt that it would be hard to find topics to discover/find speakers/be engaging for the youth, as they don't play a huge part in water sustainability, compared to their adult counterparts.

3. Future Meeting Date and Location

- Discussed upcoming meetings and activities, including:
    - October 24th: Adopt a Road Event

Meeting adjourned by SMYC President Siddhanth Gupta at 5:18 P.M.

Minutes Prepared By: Vihaan Mehta, SMYC Secretary

Minutes Reviewed By: YFS Manager Kristy Hahn-McDonald, MSW, LCSW