

# City of Copperas Cove Information Item

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## Youth Advisory Council

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SUBJECT: Appointment/Reappointments of Positions on the Youth Advisory Council

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### 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Copperas Cove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) consists of 30 members and one Council Liaison. The 30 members are appointed by City Council and serve a two year terms. Eligible youth participants must be a student, between grades 8-12, and in good standing.

### 2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City Council approved the creation of the YAC and the appointment of Council Member Gary Kent to serve on the YAC as the Council Liaison on January 3, 2012. The YAC was created based on the information from the Master Plan Needs Assessment and the information from public meetings held December 2010 and December 2011.

The YAC defines specific ways to address youth community issues and the development of activities and programs designed and promoted through the City of Copperas Cove Independent School District. Furthermore, the YAC also promotes and encourages youth involvement in City government.

### 3. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

Due to inactive members and the high school graduation of several other members, only five members remained. These members include Kelsey Dane (Chairperson), Tessa Bliss (Chairperson Pro Tem), Kaitlyn Soriano (Secretary), Olivia Garcia, and Kaylyn Kirkpatrick.

The City opened the application process on June 17, 2015 to fill the remaining vacancies and as a result, the City Council approved the applications of Carleigh Ross, Mariyah Reynolds, Matthew Smith, and Neyland Block on July 7, 2015.

The application process was reopened and applications were received for Destiny Frank, Charlie Harber, Serenity Taylor, Aldiel Hernandez-Lopez, and Kaylee Steele. Their backgrounds have been approved by Human Resources, therefore;

their applications will be presented for approval at the Council Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2015.

On July 31, 2015, the application process was reopened and will remain open until the remaining 16 positions are filled.

City Council will need to appoint a new council liaison with the pending resignation of Gary Kent.

Based on the direction provided by the City Council at the July 30, 2015 Council Meeting, the City Manager is also working with representative of the Copperas Cove Boys & Girls Club to determine the level of assistance they can provide to the YAC.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.