DeSOTO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. Name of Incorporation. The name of this corporation shall be the DeSoto Youth Advisory Council., hereinafter referred to as the ("YAC").

ARTICLE II

Creation

Section 1. The YAC is organized to provide input to the DeSoto Parks and Leisure Department and the DeSoto City Council regarding activities and programs for the youth of the community.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the YAC shall be advisory to the Parks and Leisure Services Department and the DeSoto City Council.

More specifically the purposes will be:

A. To promote interest and receive input from the youth in the community to develop, promote, and sustain programs and activities for the youth;

B. To study, investigate and research what other communities are doing to have the youth become an integral part in the development of the community:

C. To promote the inclusive involvement of YAC to other communities.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Description: The governing body of the YAC shall be the Board of Directors. This body shall consist of nine (13) members selected as follows:

A. Thirteen (13) voting Board of Directors appointed by the DeSoto Parks and Leisure Services Department; and,

Section 2. Terms of Office: The Board of Directors shall serve two (2) year terms.

Section 3. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman, or on petition of at least seven (7) Board members. A quorum will consist of nine (9) of the filled Board positions.

Section 4. Vacancies: Vacancies in positions filled through appointment by the DeSoto Parks and Leisure Services Department.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Duties

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the YAC shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. Nominating Officers. At any meeting in which the election of an officer is held, a YAC Member may nominate a person with the second of any other Board Member.

Section 3. Election. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Board. Elections shall be held in September of each year.

Section 4. Terms of Office: Officers shall serve one (1) year terms, from October 1st to September 30th of each year. An officer may succeed him/herself.

Section 5. Chair: Shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the YAC; shall act as spokesperson for the YAC; shall preside at all YAC meetings; and shall perform such other duties as necessary to fulfill the objectives of the YAC..

Section 6. Vice-Chair: Shall preside in the absence of the Chair; and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her by the Chair.

Section 7. Secretary/Treasurer: Shall record and prepare the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors; give all meeting notices; provide financial accounting of information to the Board. [Add language]

Section 8. Historian: Shall make records of events, newspaper articles, photos, scrapbooks, videos, conferences, etc. of the Youth Advisory Council.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

Section 1. Committee. The Board may direct the Chair to appoint Committees as needed to perform specific duties or to delegate certain tasks to be performed. A Committee shall include at least one Board Member and may include non-board members. The Board may also notify any Committee of termination once its duties have been performed.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of nine (9) YAC Members at any regular meeting, provided that the changes are presented in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to their amendment.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Procedure. The latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern any rules of parliamentary procedure not covered by these Bylaws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Submitted by:

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