

CALLED-SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION

**JOINT MEETING OF THE LEWISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AND YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL**

MAY 1, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Present:

TJ Gilmore, Mayor

Council Members:

Brandon Jones, Mayor Pro Tem (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

William Meridith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Bob Troyer

Ronni Cade

Kristin Green (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

Patrick Kelly

Youth Action Council Members:

Kimberly Arellano - Lewisville High School, Junior

Alexa Barretto - Lewisville High School, Senior

Kolby Blair - Lewisville High School, Senior

Ethan Cosio - Lewisville High School, Senior

Luca Francis - Lewisville Harmon, Sophomore

Sonika Harish - Lewisville High School, Senior

Amos Hnin - Lewisville High School, Senior

Elliott Huang - Jesuit Dallas, Senior

Foster McNeal - Lewisville Harmon, Sophomore

Suchitra Naidu - Lewisville High School, Junior

Joshua Park - Hebron High School, Senior

Lenaya Reed - Lewisville High School, Senior

Erin Stokes - Prince of Peace, Senior

Jacob Taylor - Lewisville High School, Senior

City Staff:

Gina McGrath, Assistant City Manager

Shante Akafia, Assistant City Manager

Lizbeth Plaster, City Attorney

Lauren Crawford, Assistant City Attorney

James Kunke, Director of Community Relations and Tourism

Tamara Miller, HR Training & Equity Manager

Jennifer Malone, Assistant City Secretary

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Called-Special Workshop session of the Joint Meeting of the Lewisville City Council and Youth Action Council was called to order by Mayor Gilmore at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, on the third floor Mayor's Reception Area of the Lewisville City Hall, 151 West Church Street, Lewisville, Texas. City Department Heads were also in attendance.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Review of the 2022-23 Youth Action Council Program (YAC) and Community Project, and Discussion of Community Issues Raised by YAC Members. (Agenda Item 1)

Suchitra Naidu, a junior at Lewisville High School, presented on the tours that the Youth Action Council took of City facilities. Elliot Huang, a senior at Jesuit Dallas, presented on LLELA, the Texas Youth Advisory Commission Summit in Dallas and the One Tree Planted Project at Palisades Park. Sonika Harish, a senior at Lewisville High School presented on Issues and Concerns Amongst Youth, which included mental health, sustainability and distracted driving and gave ideas on what the City could do to help.

Elliot Huang advised that the Youth Action Council members go through a rigorous application process and it is a great honor to serve. Councilmember Bob Troyer said that every time he goes to a Youth Action Council meeting he is impressed and assured of the future of our country. Elliot Huang thanked the City Council for sponsoring the Youth Action Council and for making sure that they have a voice in the City. He also thanked James Kunke and Tamara Miller.

Mayor Gilmore and HR Training & Equity Manager Tamara Miller handed out chords to the Youth Action Council members that are high school seniors. These member included: Alexa Barretto - Lewisville High School, Senior; Kolby Blair - Lewisville High School, Senior; Ethan Cosio - Lewisville High School, Senior; Sonika Harish - Lewisville High School, Senior; Amos Hnin - Lewisville High School, Senior; Elliott Huang - Jesuit Dallas, Senior; Joshua Park - Hebron High School, Senior; Lenaya Reed - Lewisville High School, Senior; Erin Stokes - Prince of Peace, Senior; and Jacob Taylor - Lewisville High School, Senior. Kaley Gomez - Lewisville High School, Senior, was not in attendance.

A plaque in honor of Rohan Kolla, a student who passed away in a car accident, will be displayed in Palisades Park.

Adjournment

Mayor Gilmore adjourned the Called-Special Workshop session of the Joint Meeting of the Lewisville City Council and Youth Action Council at 5:54 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023. The motion carried.

**LEWISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 1, 2023**

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These minutes approved by the Lewisville City Council on the 15th day of May, 2023.

APPROVED

TJ Gilmore
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Julie Worster,
CITY SECRETARY

DRAFT MINUTES



2022-2023
YAC REVIEW



PRESENTED BY
LEWISVILLE YOUTH ACTION
COUNCIL



2022-23 Youth Action Council

Kimberly Arellano - Lewisville High School, Junior

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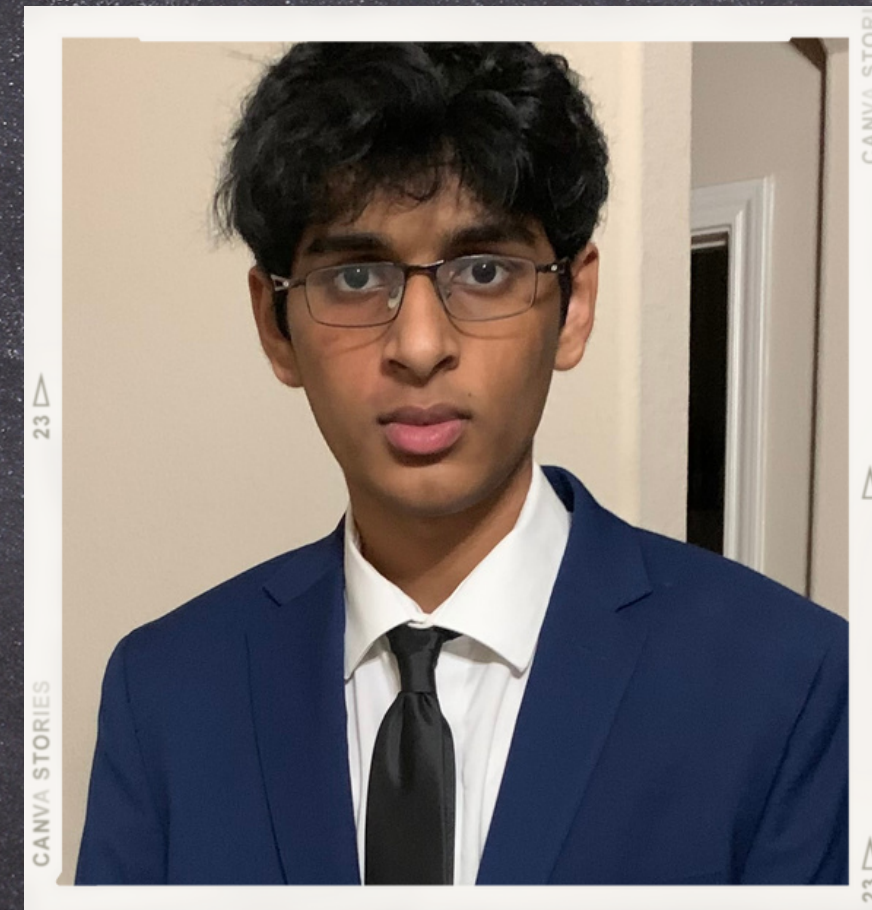
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In Memory of
Rohan Kolla

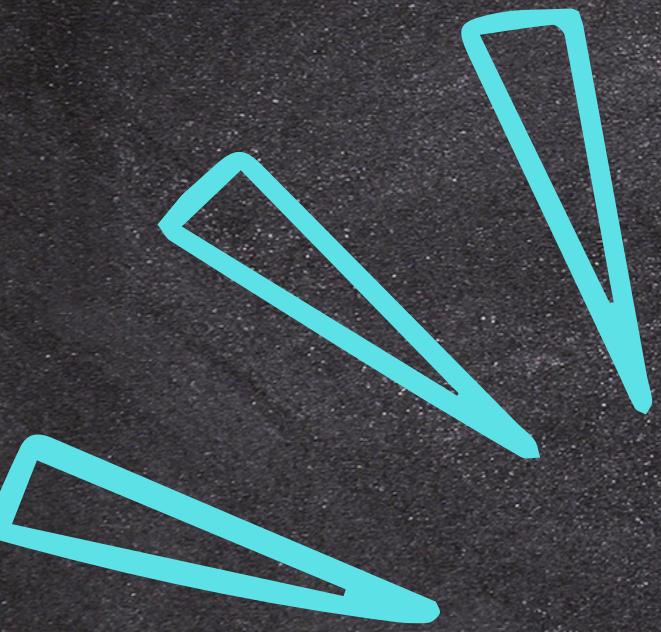
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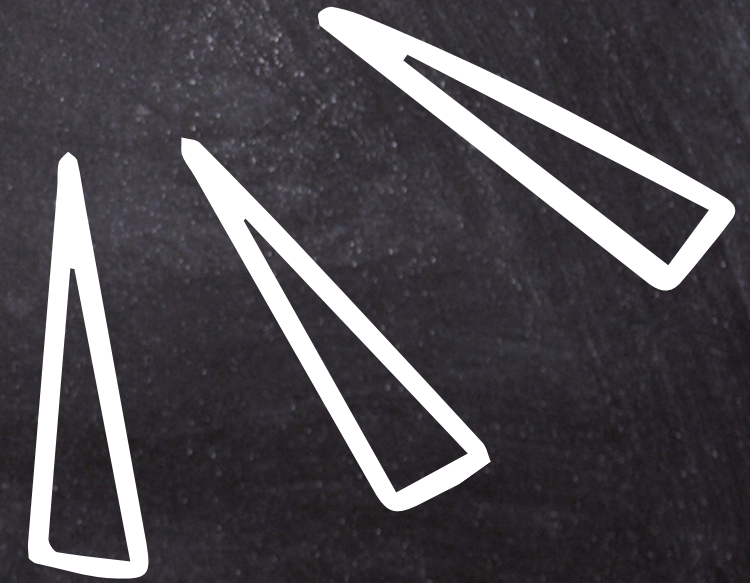
Public Safety



Animal Services



Old Town Tour

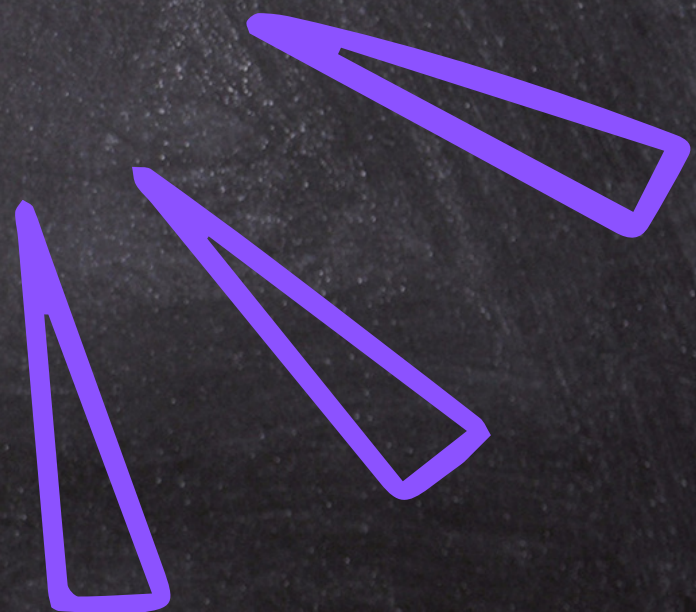
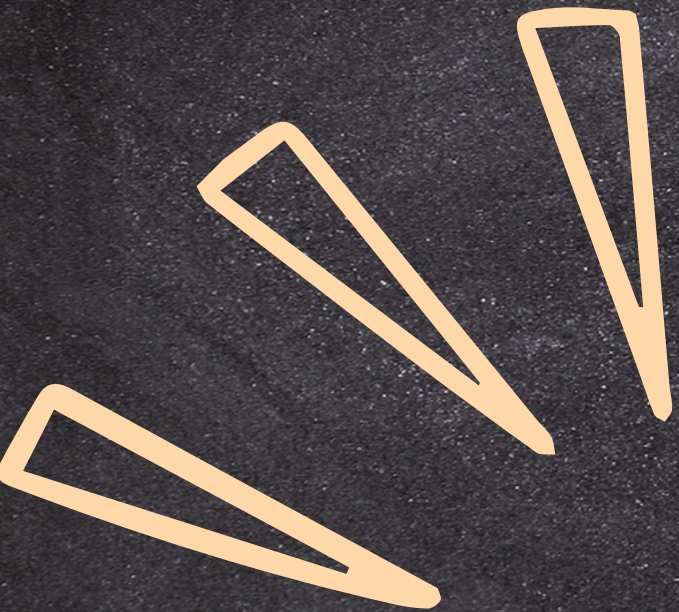


Library & Hive Tour

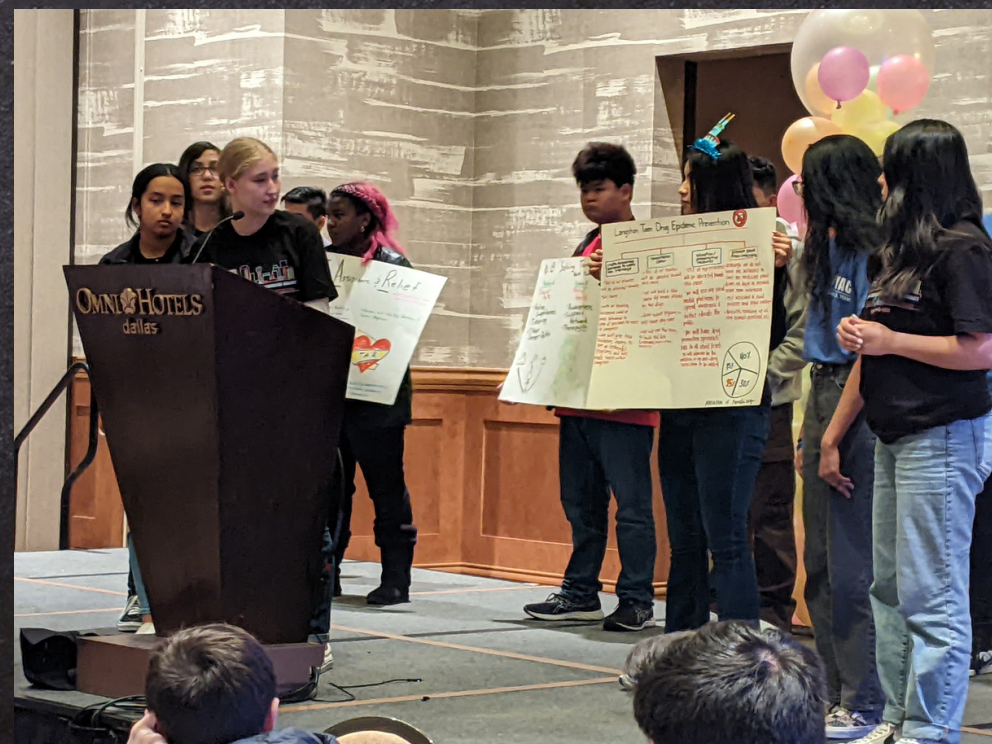


THE HIVE
AT THE LEWISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LLELA



Texas Youth Advisory Commission Summit - Dallas, TX



One Tree Planted Project Palisades Park



Dedicated in memory of
Rohan Kolla
by
the Lewisville
Youth Action Council
April 1, 2023



Issues and Concerns Amongst Youth

Mental Health

A rising concern of Lewisville teens is the issue of mental health. According to Journey to Dream, teens experience trauma like homelessness, trafficking and abuse to the everyday challenges of being a teen, like peer pressure, family conflict and stress. Many teens in Lewisville may not have the support they need to continue performing at the standards required of them in their school or community.

What can the City do to help?

- Ensure affordable and accessible forums for mental health help, including on-campus counselors or community initiatives for inexpensive therapy.
- Expand initiatives for spreading mental health awareness throughout the city.
 - Expand partnership with Journey to Dream / Kyle's Place.

Issues and Concerns Amongst Youth

Sustainability

According to UN.org, young people are increasingly aware of the challenges and risks presented by the climate crisis and of the opportunity to achieve sustainable development. The Youth Action Council participated in a tree planting project at Palisades Park sponsored by the One Tree Planted non-profit organization focused on global reforestation.

What can the City do to help?

- Continue upkeep of initiatives like One Tree Planted at Palisades Park.
- Create opportunities for youth to participate in sustainability projects in the community.

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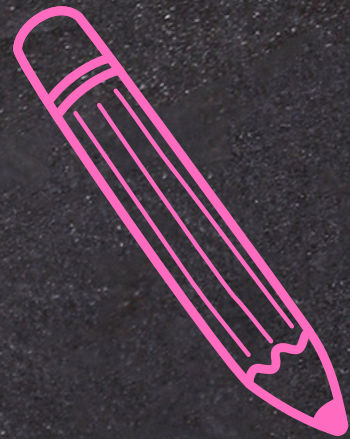
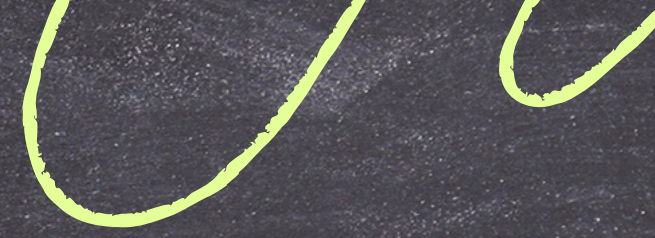
Distracted Driving

According to Teen Driver Source, In 2020, 7% of drivers ages 15-20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted, the largest proportion for any age group. Lewisville teens may benefit from the opportunities of learning more about the risks of distracted driving and the impact it has on driver safety.

What can the City do to help?

- Lewisville Police Department partner with local school districts to offer education sessions on driver safety for teens.

QUESTIONS?



THANK

YOU!

