



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**TO:** City Council Members  
**FROM:** Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk  
**DATE:** September 1, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** 2006-2007 Youth Council Projects

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On March 16, 2005 City Council adopted Resolution 0080-2005 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC). A section of that Resolution states that *“on an annual basis (Council) shall provide the RHGYC a list of possible projects related to the City's Goals and Objectives.”* In addition pursuant to the **RHGYC Bylaws** as adopted by City Council on June 15, 2005, **Article III, Objectives, Section 3, Annual Projects** states that *“on an annual basis, City Council shall provide a list of projects related to the City’s Goals and Objectives from which the Youth Council, as a whole or in groups/teams, shall select a project(s) to accomplish during their term.”*

The 2006-2007 RHGYC attended their Orientation on Wednesday, August 30th and confirmed that their first meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006. Council needs to provide a list of projects that are relevant to the City Council Goals and where possible, be connected to the City Council Communication Committees.

We have reviewed last year’s Project List and removed completed projects and added new suggestions (**bolded**). The proposed 2006-2007 Project List, including their relation to the Council Communication Committees include:

Administration & Information Services Committee

- Enhance and Develop Communication with Youth in the Community
  - Utilize various communication tools to better connect Youth to Council, Youth to Youth and Youth to Government and Schools
- Research options of providing possible internships or after school projects for Youth at City Hall

Community Development and Viability Committee

- Community Beautification
- City Hall – Front Pond Rehabilitation – CIP Project #SW-09
- Pathway Connectivity
  - How does the youth use the pathways in the community
  - What is lacking in the system from the youth’s perspective
  - What areas from the youth perspective are important
  - **Educate residents regarding the upcoming Pathway Millage**

## Financial Services

- Locate and develop funding options and opportunities for projects
- Develop budget for Youth projects

## Leisure Activities

- Youth Activities and Facilities
  - What recreational activities and/or facilities do the youth use
  - What recreational activities and/or facilities would youth like to see
  - Where is the community lacking in providing youth activities

## Public Safety

- False Alarm Ordinance – how to educate the public
- **Education program regarding the dangers of internet usage by teens**

Other larger projects could include:

- Host a Regional Youth Summit
- Rochester Hills Public Library use by youth and how it can be enhanced
- Develop City Hall Commons Area

The following projects were selected by the 2005-2006 RHGYC and will continue in some capacity in 2006-2007; therefore they will remain on the project list.

- Youth participation in Festival of the Hills
- Work with the MML to create a better Youth Program for MML Legislative Day
- Establish a Voter Registration/Election Information Program in the high schools
- Create a Video regarding all aspects of the RHGYC

Please bring your input/suggestions to the Council meeting on Wednesday for discussion. Once we have a finalized list, Council will need to adopt a resolution listing the projects and request that the project list be forwarded on to the RHGYC for their selection.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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