



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Alachua County Youth Commission Presentation

Presenter:

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Description:

Receive the presentation on preliminary steps taken towards establishing a Youth Commission in Alachua County and provide feedback.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the board:

1. Place a student representative on the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (ROSCO) under the same general advisory rules and amend resolutions as necessary.
2. Develop a Youth Academy based on the Citizen's Academy to run concurrent with the school year.
3. Return to the Board in one year with an update.

Prior Board Motions:

September 28, 2021 the Board directed staff to create youth representative positions on County Advisory Boards.

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact directly associated with this presentation. However, budget is available for the program in account 001.17.1700.512.48.00 (Promotional Activities).

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

In 2021, the Board directed staff to create youth representative positions on County Advisory Boards. This was explored and proved challenging due to the time certain boards/committees meet, as well as transportation concerns. The County Manager had previously proposed a Youth Commission, wherein youth can learn more about their local County government by participating in a number of educational and engaging activities.

The Board has already budgeted \$1,000 for the program. Staff is requesting guidance on the number of participants as well as the content of the program.