



City of Port St. Lucie

Youth Council

Goal 3: Smart & Connected City

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Goal



The Goal of the Port St. Lucie Youth Council is to teach youth about municipal government and provide opportunities for community leadership and service for the next generation of local leaders.

Purpose

- Provide an opportunity for youth of our community to participate and voice their concerns regarding local issues
- Learn about working of local government, including different departments
- Provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on youth-oriented topics
- Represent the youth of Port St. Lucie on issues important to them
- Promote regular and active civic engagement and community service among young people
- Develop presentation, leadership and life skills.





Port St. Lucie Youth Data

According to the 2020 US Census, nearly 20% of the City's population is under 18 years old. The Youth Council is a new way to include youth into the strategic decision-making process.

Milestones

- In February of 2023 youth from different Port St Lucie Middle and High Schools participated, engaged and performed during our Citizen Summit 2022.
- May 2023 - July 2023: Partnered with Lydia Martin, Communications Director for SLPS and High School Principals; Will Armstead, Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County and Kevin Singletary, Youth Leadership Roundtable and recruited youth from different high schools to be part of our inaugural youth council.
- June 2023 Attended the All-America City Awards competition in Denver, Co Conference. Theme: Youth Engagement

Future Plans

- July 24, 2023: City Council scheduled to appoint First Youth Council
- July-October 2023: First Youth Council Meeting, training/orientation, develop council structure, create mission/ vision, design application process and action plan
- August-March 2023: Attend Florida League of Cities Annual Youth Conference Youth Council Program in Orlando and research and develop recommendations on teen recreation, programs and public transit
- January 2024: Attend FLOC Youth Legislative Action Program in Tallahassee
- February 2024: Host booth at Citizen Summit
- March 2024: Provide a Presentation to Council in advance of Strategic Planning

Our Youth Our Future!!





Thank You!!