



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

SUBJECT: Approval of recommendations from the Commission Interview Committee for appointments to Youth Council and Youth Boards & Commissions Representatives.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission Interview Committee met on Thursday, November 21st to interview applicants for the Youth Council and Youth Boards & Commissions Representatives. All applicants were notified by email to appear at 7:00 p.m. on November 21st to be interviewed. They were advised to come prepared to explain the following in 3 minutes or less:

- Why do you feel you would be a good candidate?
- What is a goal you hope to complete?
- What would you like to take away from this experience?

Immediately following the interviews, the Interview Committee discussed the ratings of each applicant then collectively decided on which applicants to recommend for placement on the Youth Council and Boards & Commissions as student representatives.

The terms open for appointment are as follows:

- Youth Council – 16
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission – 1

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of recommendations from the Commission Interview Committee for appointments to Youth Council and Youth Boards & Commissions Representatives.



COMMISSION INTERVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITY OF NOVI

Commission Interview Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.

Banquet Quarters | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road

(248) 347-0456

Member Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council Members Casey (absent/excused), Breen, Fischer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved

Member Breen thanked everyone for coming, and said she was very excited, and knew they'd all be great. She stated that there were more candidates than available spots, and that it would be a tough decision. She encouraged anyone who wasn't appointed to keep doing what they're doing and look for ways to help in the community.

Member Breen advised the students that Member Casey was absent/excused from the meeting.

Member Fischer said that he knew they'd do a great job, that he and Member Breen have been before Council and committees, and it's not always the most fun thing. He encouraged them to relax and enjoy their time, saying that this was just to get to know them better.

APPLICANTS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL:

- 1. Jishnav Arcota-** Mr. Arcota began by saying he's lived in Novi since he was five years old, and his earliest memories came from our great city. He stated he appreciated the City's diversity, organized library and schools, as well as the glorious parks and activities centers. Mr. Arcota said that he volunteers at local foodbanks, his temple, and Relay for Life, for which his team raised \$8,000 for cancer research. He stated he would be a good candidate because he works well in groups, has leadership skills, and maintains a high grade point average. He'd like to be on Youth Council to help plan events, acquire new skills and make a difference in the community.
- 2. Alpana Atluri-** Ms. Atluri began by saying she's qualified to serve on Youth Council because she's lived in Novi her entire life. She stated that she looks for opportunities to be a leader, and that making a difference starts with an individual. She's been a volleyball coach for 1st graders, which has taught her leadership skills and patience. Ms. Atluri said she has experience in overseeing events, she's committed, and wants the opportunity to have a positive impact.
- 3. Kavin Bala-** Mr. Bala stated that he's grown up in Novi, and with its stellar education system and diversity, there's no other city he'd rather be in. Mr. Bala

said he has many ideas in having youth have more voice, including an online survey for Addicted to Movies Not Drugs. He stated he's helped organized events, including serving as captain for Relay for Life on the most successful team in Oakland County area. Mr. Bala has also been a tutor for middle school and elementary school students. He believes it's essential for citizens to understand how local government works, and has attended many events hosted by the city. He'd like to give back by volunteering.

- 4. Vasu Banga-** Ms. Banga stated she's lived in Novi since she was nine years old. She believes everyone should have a meaningful purpose which can make a big difference in others, and that everyone should be on the lookout to do so. Ms. Banga has helped elementary school kids learn English, visited Wellbridge Senior Center to spend time with seniors, mentors a robotics league, and volunteers for her temple's kitchen. She stated she can understand and help solve problems that youth have today. Ms. Banga said that with her purpose and driving force, she'd be a great member. Her goals are addressing youth drug addiction, healthy living and homelessness. Ms. Banga stated that one to one talks and bringing awareness to these problems can impact or get rid of these problems. She said she'd be closer to her community by being on Youth Council, and give her the experience to make a difference in other people's lives.
- 5. Neel Chandran-** Mr. Chandran began by saying he would be a strong member because he's lived in Novi all his life, and he loves and appreciates the City. He said he attended the Addicted to Movies Not Drugs event in 6th grade, and felt it passed a strong message, and he became interested in serving and helping other people. Mr. Chandran stated that he's been a part of Relay for Life, a math and science tutor, fundraised for the marching band, and is currently working as co-op for the Police Department where he organizes and files. The experience has improved his organization, time management, communication, and confidence. Mr. Chandran explained that he's a shy student who loves to talk to friends but never had the confidence to talk to high officials before. He realizes how important it is to help others in the community. He's attended lots of events, but wants to implement more, like creating awareness for mental health for stress and depression, that having awareness will allow them to improve.
- 6. Sarah Chang-** Ms. Chang thanked the Commission Interview Committee for allowing her to share. She said that she's a sophomore who enjoys school activities, is on student council, created an animal club, and participates in the recycling club. Ms. Chang explained that she applied because ever since middle school, she's participated in many community events, which has taught her time management, communication and commitment. Ms. Chang said she is positive, and wants to hear our community's stories and represent people she's interacted with. She stated that Novi tries hard to involve youth, but she'd encourage more events in the future, focusing on improving the environment. She said that it hurts her to see trash and plastic bags floating around. Ms. Chang continued, saying that teaching decomposing at home and using reusable bags would help. She also hopes to grow more as a person and as a leader.

- 7. Prachi Fozdar-** Ms. Fozdar stated it would be an honor to be a part of Youth Council. She said she'd be an asset because of her reliability, communication skills, and commitment. She currently runs track, has coaching duties, is involved with HOSA, and is a CERT captain, among other activities. In the summer, she is going to Guatemala to build a school, and genuinely enjoys helping those around her. Ms. Fozdar said she'd like to extend a helping hand to this community. She continued, saying that she'd like to implement more clean-up of the community; as a runner, when she goes through the entire City, she sees lots of trash and has begun to take bags with her on runs to pick up trash. She'd like to create community events to help others work on the environment. Ms. Fozdar said that being on Youth Council would allow her to connect with many other people and different backgrounds, and work on time management skills.
- 8. Aliyah Hirji-** Ms. Hirji stated that she's seeking reappointment and that serving has allowed her to give back to the community. She loves making new friends and spreading kindness, and learning from new people. Ms. Hirji served as chair for the Mardi Gras senior dance event, which meant frequent calls and meetings. For Addicted to Movies Not Drugs, she spoke with Kroger manager who donated 300 bags of chips for the event. Ms. Hirji said it was extremely rewarding, and hopes to continue giving back to Novi. She explained that she's the current co-president of science club, former teen intern at library, current president of Teen Advisory Board, and works with Novi Youth Assistance to create a mentoring program to help middle schoolers transition to high school, as well as other organizations. Ms. Hirji said that she's learned how she can bring a positive change in Novi, and inspire other to participate. To quote Helen Keller- "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."
- 9. Farheen Hirji-** Ms. Hirji began by saying she's currently a freshman, and hopes bring a positive impact to the community. She volunteers with various organizations which have improved her skills and team management. She's involved with many clubs like HOSA, Spanish, Science, and DECA, and is inspired by sister Aliyah. She is centered on improving the community, and prioritizes meeting new residents. Ms. Hirji said this is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community, and she's enjoyed events such as Addicted to Movies Not Drugs where she can hang with friends and learn about issues. Springpalooza is a favorite event because it has things for all ages. She'd like to help organize, events, improve skills for life, work, and school, and she strives to be more involved.
- 10. Sabrina Hsu-** Ms. Hsu began by saying it was an honor to be here. She is currently a 10th grader, and has lived in Novi since she was two. She feels blessed to grow up here, and has participated in community programs, including volunteering at an animal shelter where she comforts and takes care of animals and provides customer service. She is also a tutor for Parents of African – American Students. Ms. Hsu also volunteers at Sunrise Senior Home, plays cello, is a camp leader, and volunteers at her ministry to pack groceries for the needy. She has learned to respect people and provide to those in need, and stated that success depends on participation from the community. Ms. Hsu said she is a sincere, honest, and passionate person, with grit and resilience. She continued,

saying she can be trusted, and will work hard to make Novi a better place. She'd like to find ways to organize activities, stop bullying, and work with seniors at events like prom and carnival. She appreciates the Novi community and diverse environment, and looks forward to being given the chance to be a student representative.

11. Anagha Jammalamadaka- Ms. Jammalamadaka began by thanking the Committee for their time. She's lived in Novi her entire life, and said it is one of the most beautiful cities with the kindest people. Ms. Jammalamadaka said she'd be a good candidate because she's hardworking, responsible, and dedicated. She has also been an Indian classical dancer for 12 years, and has four hours of practice with her instructor every week, plus practices at home, which she has to balance with school. Ms. Jammalamadaka would like to help people big or small, and said it's rewarding to see someone less stressful and a little more happy than they were before. She said that Youth Council will help her engage in community events and become more active, give others a voice, and improve the lives of teens. She'd like to become a member of Youth Council to help expose middle schoolers to opportunities to become interested in careers, and meaningfully give back to the city that has given so much.

12. Lianne Kim- Ms. Kim began by saying she's currently a sophomore, and continuously strives to help the community and environment. She is a member of the recycling and gardening clubs, as well as HOSA. Ms. Kim said these experiences have given her the skills of communication and teamwork. She said she has also learned about the people in Novi and the issues they face, and the more she's learned, the more determined she is to help make a change. Ms. Kim said that a prevailing issue that she's recognized is mental health, especially with teens who face overwhelming stress from school, family and more. She continued, saying mental health issues are often dangerously ignored, and that 1 in 6 kids faced a mental disorder in 2016, which affects every aspect of their life. Ms. Kim explained that she's faced her own problems with mental health but with help and support from others, she was able to improve. Her experience has shown how critical awareness is, and wants to help others who are struggling as she did. If appointed to Youth Council, Ms. Kim would like to work to improve others' mental health, improve events that already exist, and learn about the people behind the scenes. She'd like to enhance Addicted to Movies Not Drugs choices, and become a more responsible leader to make a change in issues she cares about. Ms. Kim is committed to making a difference on Youth Council and hopes to identify her strengths to make a bigger impact.

13. Sujit Lakshmikanth- Mr. Lakshmikanth began by saying he always strives to make a positive difference in others' lives, including making toys for animals at the Humane Society, reading to students with special needs, and fundraised to build a school in Malawi this past summer. He also serves on the Teen Advisory Board which has allowed him to foster ideas to improve library. Mr. Lakshmikanth said because of these experiences he is an ideal candidate, and during his tenure hopes to create an organized system for students to volunteer to tutor others so they can teach others what they don't understand. He'd also like to increase recycling efforts, increase accessibility for recycling, better understand the

importance of local government, and use the experience to help improve others' lives.

14. Krithika Malayarasan- Ms. Malayarasan began by saying she's currently a junior, and would like to explain why she'd be a great asset to Youth Council, and what she hopes to gain. She said her story begins when while she was in 8th grade her parents broke the news that they were moving to Novi in the middle of the school year, and she was devastated. She continued, saying that she was very nervous but the Novi community opened its arms showed her she'd be fine. Now she is surrounded by friends, and loves to be here. Ms. Malayarasan said the City has given her so much, and she wants to give back to the City that made her who she is. She said that she loves helping others around her, and has experience volunteering at Novi Woods elementary working with kids. Ms. Malayarasan stated she's a great team player who's involved in DECA, HOSA, and robotics team. She'd like to lead a program for those new to Novi, because she wants to help others who are new to the City and nervous. She thinks making this program would make them feel more comfortable, help them get a feel for the town, and surround them with others who are new. She believes being appointed to Youth Council will help her grow as a person and give her happiness by making a positive impact.

15. Tomoaki Masuda- Mr. Masuda began by stating that unlike most candidates, he's only lived here for 1.5 year. He's spent his entire life in many different countries and cities, and absorbed their culture and language. Mr. Masuda said Novi is so diverse, and feels that it's his mission to apply his experiences and connect the community. He said that Youth Council events connect the community, and he'd like to expand that further, especially with our Sister city in Japan. Mr. Masuda would like to specifically encourage the city to expand interaction with that city, especially the youth. He feels this would be a great asset for the City and the youth. Mr. Masuda believes he can achieve that goal through years of the leadership, problem solving, teamwork skills he's cultivated. In his short time in Novi, he's been given the opportunity to serve as captain of the Model United Nations as well as the executive producer for the video journalism program. In this leadership position he was able to get many new freshman members for Model United Nations compared to previous years, and the video journalism program has won awards and competitions, that had never been achieved before. Mr. Masuda state that through Youth Council he would be able to enhance Novi and his own skill set, and by enhancing own skills, he'd be able to further give back to make Novi better, and contribute to the Novi community make a positive impact.

16. Ashrith Mummadi- Absent

17. Mahek Nasser- Ms. Nasser stated that she's currently a junior, and that it's great for students to see that their opinions are valued, which inspires the future leaders of tomorrow. Ms. Nasser said that the attention we give local government is of the utmost importance to continue the legacy of civic servitude in our City, State, and Country. Therefore, one of her goals is to increase knowledge of local government, and have local leaders conduct seminars of the ins and outs of

local government. Additionally, Ms. Nasser said high schoolers are exposed to career opportunities such as trade schools, the military, and apprenticeships. She would like to introduce these opportunities to children at a much earlier age. Ms. Nasser said she'd like local leaders and businesspeople to explain their different career paths to students in an easy, practical way. Ms. Nasser believes she's qualified to serve on Youth Council because she's actively involved in after school activities such as school and church choirs, The Red Cross, the University of Michigan Adolescent Health Institute and Karmanos Cancer Center. Ms. Nasser said through these experiences she's gained leadership and time management skills, but the most important quality she's gained is understanding, and the importance of understanding other perspectives. She is confident in her ability to work on Youth Council, and hopes to gain knowledge and understanding of local government and what it takes to make Novi the vibrant community that it is.

18. Varun Nimmagadda- Mr. Nimmagadda said that he's been a resident of Novi for the last 11 years, and has been blessed with amazing schools and experiences. He continued, saying that as amazing has it's been, there's still more that can be implemented to enriched the City's youth and their families. By joining Youth Council, Mr. Nimmagadda hopes to give back to his community and become more actively engaged. He said it would be an honor and a privilege to continue providing memorable experiences to future generations. Mr. Nimmagadda feels he'd be a good candidate for Youth Council because of the valuable skills he's gained at Novi High School. His extracurricular activities include tutoring underprivileged kids and serving as DECA officer, as well as Student trustee for the Novi Educational Services Marketing and Finance student committees. Mr. Nimmagadda hopes to continue these efforts while furthering his knowledge of local government. He stated that no matter the endeavor, he makes sure to give it 100% dedication and effort. Mr. Nimmagadda said he understands best known for Addicted To Movies Not Drugs, it would be his goal to create other fundraising events, such as partnering with the Sports Club of Novi to raise awareness of mental health and bullying while supporting local businesses, and help spur positive changes for next generation of problem solvers.

19. Saketh Ogirala- Mr. Ogirala stated that he's a junior at Novi High School. He said Youth Council is a great organization that organizes events all over Novi, and he'd love to be in to improve his own leadership ability and give back to community. He said being a HOSA officer with 490+ students has helped improved his leadership ability, and joining Youth Council would help more. Mr. Ogirala said it's our duty to give back and make our community a better place, to hold more events to boost morale, which helps even more. He said he'd like to reach out to even more teens and socialize. Mr. Ogirala said that his Relay for Life team raised \$8K to help people with cancer. He said that Novi Youth Council is a great organization, but they could be better. The addition of even more sponsors would help save money while promoting local businesses. Mr. Ogirala would like to take away connections and responsibilities from serving on Youth Council, and to help him be a better leader and person.

20. Bala Parivakkam- (ABI) - Ms. Parivakkam began by saying that she goes by the name Abi. She's a freshman at Novi High School, and thanked the Committee for its time. Ms. Parivakkam still trying to figure things out, but so far is involved in DECA, Blueprints for Pangea, and the Detroit Education Society. She said that she's a good candidate because she stays committed and because she loves helping people. Ms. Parivakkam continued, saying she always wants what's best for them. She loves that Novi Youth Council would give her the opportunity to interact with so many people and make their lives better. In joining Youth Council she would try to be a positive addition, by maintaining a great image of Novi, being a good role model, and doing her part well. Ms. Parivakkam said one of her goals is to help initiate an innovative program to make residents aware of huge problems, and what's happening in their community. She continued, saying a real problem our country faces is gun violence. School shooting have become almost inevitable, but really shouldn't be the way things are. Ms. Parivakkam said Thursday, November 14th, just last week, a student opened fire on his classmates before turning the gun on himself. She said that it's awful that not even school can be a safe place to learn anymore. This could have happened anywhere, even someplace close to us; something needs to be done. Ms. Parivakkam said schools are doing drills and taking other precautions, and that's great, but is it enough? She stated that she'd like to start a program to prevent these tragedies that would be similar to Addicted to Movies Not Drugs, but to help adolescents and adults understand that they're not alone. Troubled minds shouldn't have to want to turn to guns to solve their issues. Ms. Parivakkam would like to know she's a part of something that can help someone.

21. Julia Park- Ms. Park stated she is a freshman at Novi High School. She believes she would be a good candidate because she has lots of leadership experience and is a part of a lot of extra-curricular activities. Ms. Park said that she's currently an officer on Student Council where she has learned a lot about communicating with others, planning events. She is also president of her church youth council, recently went on a mission to Peru in summer. She also volunteers at Novi Woods which has taught her lots of responsibility and skills to help her be better. Ms. Park's goals include planting a community garden and having lunch dates with kids in the hospital. However, her biggest goal is giving kids a voice. There are about 6K people in the schools, imagine what Novi could become if every person in the City had the opportunity to voice their thoughts. She said this wouldn't be easy, but she'd take it one step at a time, let students vote on activities. If appointed, she hopes to take away the ability to recognize and appreciate every aspect of community, and promises to become a better leader and person.

22. Sanjit Pingili- Mr. Pingili began by saying Novi means a great deal to him. He said he's lived here entire life and the amazing people and environment have shaped him to the person he is. Mr. Pingili said that Novi has done so much for him and he wants to give back to his community. He stated that he is well-suited for Youth Council because of his dedication and goals he wants to achieve. He has confidence he'd be a great candidate because his experiences have taught him many skills such as communication, leadership, empathy, patience, and planning. Mr. Pingili said specifically, he's volunteered at his temple,

Ascension Providence Hospital, Salvation Army, and has tutored many students. He said his Relay for Life team has raised over \$5K and he also participates in the National Honor Society. Mr. Pingili said that there are many understaffed charities that need volunteers, so he'd like to create a rewards program to offer incentives to help the community. Mr. Pingili would also like to create events similar to Addicted to Movies Not Drugs, to spread a positive message. He hopes to take away insights from meeting new people, working with like-minded individuals, and help improve events. Mr. Pingili said this is an opportunity to give back to this incredible city, and with his goals and commitment, he believes he can make a positive impact to this Council and City.

23. Tanvi Pinnamareddy- Ms. Pinnamareddy began by saying that moving to Novi from Livonia was the best decision of her life because Novi has given her so many opportunities to be a part in programs she's passionate about. Ms. Pinnamareddy believes she is a good candidate because she has experience working with programs that help the community, such as making blankets for foster kids, fundraising for various organizations, holding clothing drives, and planning events. Ms. Pinnamareddy said she also serves on the Detroit Education Society board which teaches underprivileged kids, and her experiences have taught her how the community works and what it needs. She also participates in Relay for Life, on the fundraising team which has given her experience in reaching out to businesses to raise money which would help Youth Council. She also volunteered for Feed the Need which made her realize we should do more things to positively influence people by having more events to educate and inspire others to eat healthy, exercise, and be an informed citizen. Ms. Pinnamareddy would like to engage in hands-on activities and interactions, to raise awareness on important topics for youth who have an important role to play in society. She would like to serve on Youth Council because it would allow her to create special bonds, increase social awareness. It would also enhance her personal knowledge, grow from experience and develop better communications skills. Ms. Pinnamareddy said she is dedicated and would make Youth Council a priority because she wants to be involved at a larger level, and give back to her community.

24. Sahana Raja- Ms. Raja began by saying this is the city she grew up in the last 16 years, the city where learned to ride a bike, met best friends, attended community events, and is proud to call her home. Ms. Raja said she'd like to be reappointed because it's been a rewarding committee that has given her incredible life skills. She has learned to help in any way possible by serving on committees to get donations, and sponsors along with the groups they're trying to reach. She has gotten several large donations by reaching out to major businesses such as Sam's Club and Target. Ms. Raja said that with her past knowledge she knows she can improve Council even more by giving advice, and bringing back ideas. She's also the treasurer of Novi CAST which teaches fun science experiments to kids, and is co-president of Music for Change, which plays music to seniors and teaches music to kids in Detroit. She said she has a vast amount of experience and responsibility which will help strengthen Youth Council even more. One of her goals is to reach out to more sponsors to make events even better. Ms. Raja also explained that she had one major issue with

Youth Council, and that was commitment. Last year there were problems with members not attending meetings and being truly dedicated. She said that she will, and has, attended all meetings and events to reinforce this in the upcoming year. Ms. Raja said that she can only hope that serving another term would give her more skills and experience that she can use throughout her life. She said she is confident that she can do much more for Youth Council than she already has, and cannot imagine the rest of her school years without it.

25. Krisha Ramani- Ms. Ramani began by saying that cantaloupe has been a big part of her life, not because she like it, but because she associates it with one of her first leadership experiences. She explained that in 4th grade there was an assignment to poll classmates on the fruit they hated most. She was asked to be a leader, and it was a disaster; kids screaming, pencils flying, arguments about fruit. Needless to say, it wasn't the best experience. But she began to grow, and last year her class team brought in high schoolers to speak to middle schoolers about their high school experience, which effectively and directly responded to their worries about their transition. They also coordinated a positive note cycle, which started the tradition of leaving positive notes in other kids' lockers each week. As a member of Key to Finesse she raised over \$2k on own. Ms. Ramani said her leadership style has become centered on positivity and communication. She said that true leadership is about being kind, and she strives to be the person friends can come to, someone that goes above and beyond for others. Ms. Ramani said that her ideals of communication and positivity, and passion for kindness are what set her apart as a leader. She has learned that everyone possesses a unique leadership quality and it's up to us as a community to set kids up for middle school, high school, college, and beyond. Ms. Ramani believes that these leaders are the ones with emotional intelligence and passion for helping others. Celebrating what people uniquely bring to Novi is one of the most important positions of Youth Council. Ms. Ramani said that so many have helped her identify what makes her unique, she wants to give back.

26. Anisha Savarala- Ms. Savarala began asking the Committee to imagine they've recently moved to Novi from another state- they just want to fit in and be a part of the community; that's where Youth Council comes in. Ms. Savarala said as a child she saw the effort and work that the Novi Youth Council has put in to finding every way to bring the people together, through multiple events like Springpalooza. Novi feels like home and is very welcoming. Ms. Savarala would like to join Youth Council to help to help strengthen the city by putting forth her dedication, commitment, creativity, and determination. Ms. Savarala said that in the past few years she's experienced the time and effort put in to bring happiness to our residents. She said in the past year she's volunteered 150 hours including tutoring, at her Hindu temple, Beaumont ER, and the Red Cross Club where she's the public relations chair and organized events to help save lives. Ms. Savarala is also participates in HOSA where she's an event captain for public health. She helps new members prepare, which shows that she's well organized and can take a leadership role when necessary. Ms. Savarala has learned that stress impacts everyone, and is sometimes really difficult to cope with, but thankfully, she's found that running helps with stress. She would like to introduce a new event called the Stress Free 5k Run. She continued, saying this is the goal

she hopes to complete if chosen to be a member. She would love to be a member to gain experience organizing large scale events, demonstrate her leadership skills and will do whatever it takes to better the lives of those in the community. Ms. Savarala said that taking challenging courses and being a varsity athlete has taught her valuable life skills that she can use to be a committed Youth Council member.

27. Vandan Shah- Mr. Shah began by saying he was a junior at Novi High School, but was not born here and has not always lived here. He moved here the summer before 6th grade, as a new kid he was shy, but through support of teachers coaches, and mentors, he began to confidently express myself. If elected to Youth Council, he wants to give back that same support to others. Mr. Shas said he is active on the swim and dive team, robotics team, National Honor Society, and many other activities. Mr. Shah said these experiences have given him a sense of camaraderie and belonging. He also works with elementary and middle school students here and in Detroit. As the vice president of his temple youth committee he's been fortunate enough to help those in need. Mr. Shah said that In Novi, our diversity is our biggest strength; he'd like to highlight that and make it more prominent in community. He said he'd like to bring in even more events to engage all members of our community. Mr. Shah would like to join Youth Council to work with other passionate and dedicated students. Mr. Shah said he wants to work with others to make Novi the best it can possibly be. He said that in 2015 he attended an event to help raise money for babies with weak lungs, where the whole community came together. Since then, he's also been a member of the robotics team and helped fundraise. Mr. Shah concluded by saying that Novi is more than just the community he lives in; it's home.

Member Fischer thanked everyone for coming out, and said they all did a terrific job, and said he wishes he were half as eloquent as they were. Member Fischer apologized that Member Casey wasn't able to be there due to bronchitis, but that she looked forward to working with them. He explained that he and Member Breen would deliberate and make a recommendation to Council, and appointments would take place on December 16th. He reminded them to thank their parents and teachers who've helped them, and reiterated it would be a difficult decision.

Member Breen stressed that those that are not selected should keep doing what they're doing, they all have amazing opportunities they're involved in. She said there are a lot of opportunities for engagement, and to please reach out directly. She again thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Transcribed by Dawn Spaulding