

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Presentation by Shoreline Youth Ambassadors		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Lynn M. Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This evening members of the Shoreline Youth Ambassadors (SYA) will present the results of the 2011 SYA survey. The objective of the survey was to gain a better understanding of how teens communicate, spend their time, what they are interested in doing, if they feel they are supported and represented and what teens would like to change in the Shoreline community. The survey was administered through Survey Monkey. SYA members went to Shorewood and Shorecrest campuses and administered the survey to the students on lap top computers. Three hundred and sixty one (361) responses were received with 49.2% males and 50.8% females between the ages of 14 and 19 who reside in Shoreline. Some of the information that will be shared includes 43.5% of teens socialize at home (excluding school), 35.2% communicate by phone and text and when asked about their interests 68% said that they like socializing with friends followed by 36.5% sports. It is interesting to note that when asked if they felt that Shoreline supported its teen residents, 77.3% said yes.

The SYA goal was to complete the survey and make presentations to the community. In the fall of 2011 they distributed their findings to all Shoreline School District Secondary School Administrators, as well as presented to the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods.

This is the third year for SYA and they currently have nine members from Shorewood, Shorecrest and Lakeside High Schools. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for youth to develop their leadership skills, organize and participate in community events, and to be the voice of local youth. SYA is designed to be a self-directed group with high levels of engagement, with City staff assisting in leadership development only. Membership is based on an application and interview process conducted by the previous year's members.

Waldo Nambo-Ojeda is the recreation staff member for SYA.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Shoreline Youth Ambassadors are included the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services budget.

RECOMMENDATION

No Council action is required, as this presentation is for informational purposes.

Approved By: City Manager ***JU*** City Attorney ____