

Broken Arrow Youth City Council

2016

BIG IDEA: PUBLIC FORUM




Broken Arrow Public Forum

The Broken Arrow Youth City Council proposes the implementation of a Public Forum held by the City of Broken Arrow for its citizens.

The Objectives

- To educate the citizens of Broken Arrow on current issues affecting the city.
- To allow for the citizens to be familiar with policies, procedures, and leaders of the city government.
- To foster better communication and community involvement in city government by allowing citizens to casually pose questions.
- To promote political involvement in our community and combat low voter turnout by offering an additional platform for political campaigns made by individuals running for the City Council of Broken Arrow.
- To offer an opportunity for citizens to present awareness campaigns on issues, or any announcements to the surrounding community.



General Information

- The forum should be free and open to the citizens of Broken Arrow
- The forum will be held twice annually at Broken Arrow City Hall or a Broken Arrow Community Center, in April and October.
- The forum should include a panel of at least one city councilor and a portion of staff and city department heads needed to assist in answering questions.
- The forum should be podcasted and recorded for publicity purposes.

The Procedure

- The first part of the meeting will include a summary of major policies or changes that have recently been enacted, introduction of new city heads, political campaign speeches....etc
- The second portion will be a portion for citizens to present information to the community regarding awareness campaigns, fundraisers and/or announcements.
- The final portion will be a casual question and answer session between citizens and the panel.

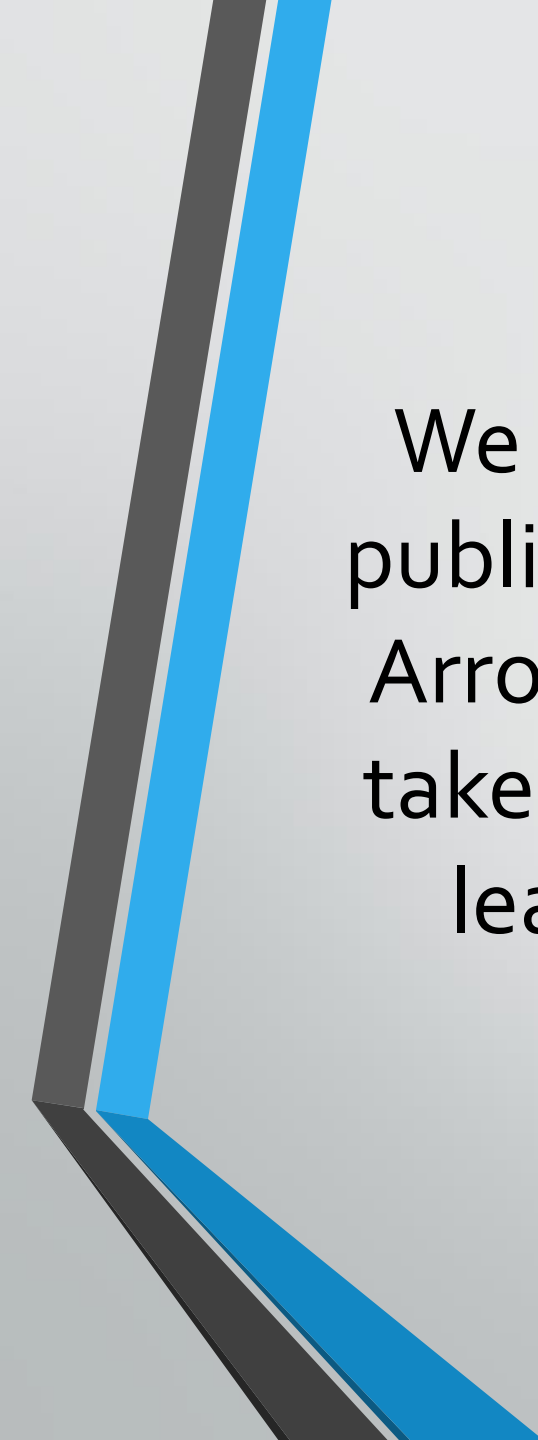
Rules and Regulations

- Citizens asking questions will not need to fill out paperwork, instead they may raise their hand and pose their question to whichever member of the panel can best answer the question.
- Questions should be relevant to the City of Broken Arrow; if a question is not the moderator may dismiss the question.
- Citizens should behave in a respectful and civil manner. Anyone in violation may be asked to leave or be removed from the forum
- Lastly, any citizen presenting information to the public must fill out and submit a Google Form to the City Clerk to approve their presentation.

The Conclusion

The Broken Arrow Youth City would like to propose this public forum beginning in 2017:

- To encourage civic participation in Broken Arrow government
- To establish an easy way for citizens to get involved in the community by spreading awareness about different issues
- To promote political involvement in our community by allowing individuals running for a city council position to present a political campaign to the public.
- To create a platform for future YCC Big Ideas.



We present and request that this proposition for a public forum be moved to the City Council of Broken Arrow for consideration, discussion, and debate, to take these ideas and create what we believe to be a leap forward in citizen participation in the local government of the City of Broken Arrow.