WINDERMERE ACTIVE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Chair: Maija Andert
Co-Chair: Anna Andert
Secretary: Emily Schurr
Co-Secretary: Sophia Arndt
Treasurer: Alejandra R. de Vivar
Co-Treasurer: Loren Williams
Social Media: Claire O'Mailey
Delegates: Emerson Elliott
COUNCIL LIAISON: Mandy David

Agenda ***Agenda***

September 16, 2025
7:00 PM

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
614 MAIN STREET, BUILDING 100
WINDERMERE, FL 34786

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2. Prolonged conversation shall be conducted outside Council meeting hall.
3. Whistling, heckling, gesturing, loud conversations, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
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6. Comments at Open Forums shall be directed to Town issues.
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT (3-Minute Limit)

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Vote on WAY Member Applications (Attachments)

i. Luke Robinson and Other Applications as Received

ii. Call for New Members

b. Elections (Attachments)

c. WAY-Organize Events / Initiatives

i. Run Among the Lakes Kids Fun Run- Volunteers

ii. Drive for Senior Citizen Supplies for Wellness Checks

iii. Baking for the Elders Luncheons

iv. Two-Year Sub-Committee to Takeover Pet Fest

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **a. Meeting minutes: 08/19/25**
- **b. Digital Media**
  - **i. Social Media Posts**
    1. **Call for New Members**
  - **ii. Town Communications**
- **c. WAY-Organize Events / Initiatives**
  - **i. Pickleball Tournament**
- **d. Upcoming Dates**
  - **i. Monthly Meetings, Third Tuesday, 7 PM**
  - **ii. Town Council Meetings, Second Tuesday, Sign Up**
  - **iii. Other Town Committee Meetings - Delegates**

5. REPORTS

- **a. Delegate Reports**
- **b. Town Council Meetings Report**
- **c. Budget Hearing Report**
- **d. Town Council Liaison Report**

6. ADJOURN

MAYOR
JIM O'BRIEN

THE TOWN OF
Windermere

TOWN MANAGER
ROBERT SMITH

CLERK
DOROTHY BURKHALTER

614 MAIN STREET, WINDERMERE, FL 34786
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COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

1. Name: Luke Robinson Phone: 407-419-0771
2. Home Address: 2935 Midsummer Drive Windermere, FL 34786
3. Business: n/a Business Phone: n/a
4. Business Address: n/a
5. Email: lukerobbie @ gmail.com
6. Brief Summary of Education and Experience:
Currently in 11th grade at Olympia High School in the APEX Scholars program. I also run for OHHS.

7. Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes √ No ___
8. Are you a registered voter? Yes ___ No √
9. Resident of the Town for 6 Months or longer? Yes √ No ___
10. Do you hold public office? Yes ___ No √
11. Are you employed by the Town? Yes ___ No √
12. Do you now serve on a Town Board or Committee? Yes ___ No √
13. Indicate which Board(s) or Committee(s) you are interested in:

Code Enforcement Board __ Development Review Board __
Downtown Business Committee __ Elders Committee __
Historical Preservation Committee __ Long Range Planning Committee __
Parks and Recreation Committee __ Windermere Tree Board __
Windermere Active Youth √

14. Why do you think you are qualified to serve on this board?
I have been a resident for nearly 15 years and I want to be more involved with the town. I am honest and hardworking, and I believe that I will bring positive impacts to Windermere, now, and in the years to come.

***FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS MAY BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Signature: Luke Robinson Date: 8/18/25

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Elderly Delegates:

Danilo Del Vecchio
“As a previous delegate of the elders committee, it was a great way to serve the community. The elderly would ask for food, baked or cooked, for their events and they were very kind and passionate about the job that we had participated in. Working with this small portion of Windermere was always fun and a great opportunity to better know our town.”

Taylor Maehl
“I believe that I fit this role because I love helping others and making stuff that brings people joy. I want to be elected for this role because I helped the committee last year with baking goods and I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope to have a greater role in it this year.”

Micah Dos Santos
“I think I would be the most fit for this role because as a previous delegate for the Elders committee, I already have experience and have learned from my mistakes (taking too long to respond that one time, sorry!). I really enjoyed the role and would love to run for it again since it provided me with a great opportunity to contribute to helping the town's elderly. Truly appreciate all the great things we hear from them and would love to continue.”

Tyler Huurneman
“I think I would be a good fit for this position because I helped out last year with the elder community. I think it is really important to connect and take care of the elderly in the community. The elders make up a big part of our community and I think we should take care of them and treat them like they are our family.”

Noah DiRoma
“I believe that I would be a good fit for this role because I was previously in this role. Me, Micah, Dan, and Anthony learned many valuable things as elder’s delegates such as teamwork and how to cook without our parents' help. I also believe that I would be a good fit for this role because I care about the elder’s community and I enjoy their feedback about the food we provide them.”

Loren Williams
“I would be a strong fit for the role of Elders Luncheon Liaison because I can bridge the gap between the two committees and ensure smooth communication. Since my mom is head of the committee, I already have insight into its goals and expectations. I can clearly relay information to the elders’ committee, helping to prevent past communication issues. I am committed to making sure tasks are carried out effectively and on time. This reliability would help the luncheon run more smoothly for everyone involved.”

Volunteer Liaison:

Kate Derda
"I have lived in Windermere my whole life, and attended Windermere elementary, and so I would love to have a more significant role in giving back to the town. I've met so many kind people here and I want to help better the community in any way that I can. I have lots of experience with this type of role, as my job as vice president of leadership in my class in the National Charity League closely mirrors the responsibilities for this role."

Secretary:

Emily Schurr
"I think I would be a good secretary because I am a very organized and thoughtful person. I worked as secretary for the past year during WAY and made sure to attend all meetings. On top of this, I wrote the minutes and emailed them to Lilian. I always made checking my emails a priority and made sure that all parts of my job were fulfilled. I would love to be re-elected secretary for the next year at WAY!"

Event Planning Chairperson:

Sophia Arndt
"I love planning and am good at time management so the time it would take would be no bother. I've served as secretary and have held other leadership positions. I feel since this one is more hands-on, it would be a newer aspect to something I already like to do and am good at."

Co-Chair:

Maija Andert
"I served as the Chair last year so if I was needed to step up for the Chair, I would have an exact idea of what it takes. I wanted to step down this year to give someone else the chance to grow the WAY Committee in a way I might not have been capable of. I would love to expand this role as well and give it more purpose instead of just being a Swing for the Chair. I would love to be elected to this role because I loved starting the WAY Committee last year as chair, and I want to see how we run from a new perspective so I can help us grow even more!"

Tree-board Delegate:

Jasiah Bachmann
"I have been the tree board delegate last year and made some connections that I would like to keep working on."

Will Taliaferro

“I believe i’d be a good fit for the tree board delegate for a couple of reasons. I’d love to learn about what our city does to keep the greenery intact, as it’s one of the things that makes Windermere so distinctly beautiful. I’m running for historian of the Environmental Action club at Olympia, so i will be very determined to protect our environment at many levels. Taking APES last year opened my eyes to what simple things, like meeting once a month to protect the greenery, can do to accomplish that goal, and inspire others to do the same. I’d love to be part of a wider movement to create real change, and being the tree board delegate would be a great step to accomplish that.”

Treasurer:

Alejandra Romo de Vivar

“My entire life I've lived in Windermere. Throughout the years I have seen the community come together time and time again for various events or natural disasters. Every year without fail there is always the Christmas party, July 4th pancakes, and post-hurricane pickup among other things. With the rejuvenation of the WAY committee, I now have the opportunity to give back to this community and I want to do so to the best of my abilities. I believe I can be of most assistance as the treasurer because I've always enjoyed working with numbers and I am capable of organizing as well as working with potential sponsors.”

Lyla Larsen

“I feel like I would be a good fit because I have a strong interest in going into business for a career. My dad works in finance, and I am constantly exposed to the world of accounting and financial logistics. I think that if I hold the position as treasure, I will keep detailed and accurate records and stay constantly updated with new information and updates.”

Emmie Elliott

“I believe I would be a good fit for the role of treasurer because of my ability to efficiently organize information and my attention to detail. If I were to be elected treasurer, I would ensure the budget is accurate and being used and handled responsibly. As a member of WAY since it was re-founded, I care greatly about the success and support of the committee and am willing to sacrifice as much time and effort as needed to do my job accurately and effectively.”

Anthony Luz

“I would be a good fit for this role as I can manage expenses. Additionally, I would want to take part in this role as an opportunity for leadership that will work on future life skills such as communication, email sending and even managing expenses (which would help when I get a salary). I would love to take part in this role as an opportunity to help out my town and make an impact as well as improve my own life skills.”

WPD Delegate:

Brooke Deaton
“I think I would be a good Windermere Police delegate for the Active Youth Committee because I care about keeping our community safe and connected. Through volunteering, I’ve learned how important it is to help others and work as part of a team. I enjoy listening to people’s perspectives and making sure everyone feels included, especially other young people. I want to use my experience and energy to support the committee and help build stronger relationships between youth and the police.”

Chair:

Anna Andert
“I feel I would be a good fit for Chair, because I have seen the amount of work necessary to fulfill that role. Back when Maija and I were both Co-Chairs, I helped work on creating the agendas, made notes for speaking points throughout the meeting, and ran the meetings together with her equally. I want to be the person that connects with Town Staff and make sure that the WAY Committee's voices and opinions are heard on important town topics. If I were to be elected as chair, I would make sure I was on top of things 24/7, be communicative, and help make sure that everyone else understands what we talk about at each meeting.”

Journalist:

Gracyn Haag
“I think that I would be a great fit as a journalist for several reasons. Firstly, I am a part of a nationally recognized journalism club and student government at my school. I really enjoy journalism and would love to have this opportunity. Also, I am responsible, reliable, and committed to our club.”

Historic-Preservation Board Delegate:

Layla Ruffner
“I'm organized and dedicated, ensuring tasks are completed efficiently and accurately. My strong communication skills allow me to clearly convey ideas and collaborate effectively with others. I'm a proactive problem-solver, always seeking innovative solutions to challenges. I am passionate about serving the community and making a positive impact through this role. I had so much fun with the role last year and hope I can get the opportunity to do it once again.”

Food Trucks and Farmer's Market Delegate:

Samuel Grande
"I have been going to food trucks and farmers markets for as long as I can remember. And I have been living and doing things in the town of Windermere my whole life."

Social Media:

Claire O'Malley
"As the current social media manager of the WAY committee, I have experience working with Canva and creating social media posts. I also have run social media accounts for school clubs like Shutter Society and the National Charity League. I want to be elected so I can expand our outreach and ensure more people learn about our mission and events. As the committee's involvement in the community grows this year, I hope to strengthen our outreach too."

MINUTES 8.19.25

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:05 pm

2. OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT (3-Minute Limit)

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Vote on WAY Member Applications**

i. **Kate Derda - To be presented by chair. -** Emily Schurr motions, Emmie Elliot seconds - Motion passed

ii. **Call for New Members** - Luke Robinson, Kate Derda, and Aiden Zambito

b. **Pave the Way 5k Discussion** - Working emails, sponsors and communication, Sponsorships:

c. **T-shirts for this Year -** 3+ shirts to be ordered - wait for further messages.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Meeting minutes: 5/20/25 (Attachments)** - Brooke D. motions, Emmie E. seconds - Motion passes

b. **Digital Media**

i. **Social Media Posts**

ii. **Update Website with Current Voting Members**

iii. **Town Communications**

c. **Officer Positions**

Must write a letter about why you want to serve in a position.
Limit the number of officer positions,
Reelections next meeting

d. **By-Laws Review / Questions (Attachments) -** Non-members (not in 34786 zipcode) can attend meetings, get volunteer hours but not vote

e. **WAY-Organize Events / Initiatives**

i. **Run Among the Lakes Kids Fun Run -** October 11, volunteer opportunities

ii. **Drive for Senior Citizen Supplies for Wellness Checks -** volunteer opportunities

iii. **Baking for the Elders Luncheons -** Micah, Danilo, Noah, Anthony, open to expanding

iv. **Drive for Teachers Supplies -** A gift for teaching, volunteer opportunity/drive

v. **Two-Year Sub-Committee to Takeover Pet Fest -** grew too large and expensive for the committee, trying to bring back/take over, smaller scale, less expensive

f. **Upcoming Dates**

i. Monthly Meetings, Third Tuesday, 7 PM

ii. Town Council Meetings, Second Tuesday, Sign Up - 2-3 members at each meeting, learning about the town,

iii. Other Town Committee Meetings - Delegates - once elected delegate its your responsibility to attend meetings (will receive service hours), if unable to attend email chairs/officers, send volunteer opportunities to volunteer coordinator (currently Emily)

iv. Budget Hearings- Sept. 3rd and 15th, 6 PM at Town Hall - Lauren W. And Alejandra R. (Treasurer and Co-Treasurer) please attend the meeting, thank the town for considering WAY for budgeting.

5. REPORTS

a. **Town Council Liaison Report -** Bathrooms voted on (moved out by library), golf cart survey (tabled- move location of golf cart crossings), Wednesday at 6:30 meet about pocket park (WAY members are welcome to attend), Vote on Chief Ogden's contract (Similar to Robert Smith), legal council report (Meeting operations)
b. **Delegate Reports** - N/A
c. **Town Council Meetings Report -** Golf carts crossing location change debate, bathrooms debate

New Department Tours?: different Department tours,
Anna: Business tours
Jamie: Talk with the mayor
Talk with the Clerk before the next meeting.
Sea cadets
Have speakers each meeting to learn more

6. ADJOURN - 7:42

Thank you all for coming!

Attendance: Samuel Grande, Jasiah, Danilo, Taylor, Noah, Micah, Tyler, Will, Claire, Jamie, Gracyn, Aidan, Lillian, Alejandra, Sophie Arndt, Brooke Deaton, Emmie, Anna, Maija, Justine, Luke, Kate, Emily