



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
6:00 PM

Regular

Conference Room
1A/1B
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Yes: 15 - Malloy, Washington, Cho, Nguyen, Prenger, Camp, Cole, Cover, Cutchlow, Frymire, Hern, Hubble, Nhek, San Juan-Rodriguez and Stevens

Excused: 3 - Marks, Geyer and Loveless

Non-Voting: 6 - Leuchtmann, Rowe, Thomas, Irwin, Lennon and Peters

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Youth Advisory Council stated their names, age, school and what grade they are in.

Members Present: Lexi Camp, Kristine Cho, Riley Cole, Will Cover, Memphis Cutchlow, Laura Frymire, William Hern, Landon Hubble, Kieran Malloy, Michael Nguyen, David Nhek, Micah Prenger, Estrella San Juan-Rodriguez, Haley Stevens, and Justin Washington

Non-Voting Members Present: Kacy Hall, Virginia Lennon, Betsy Peters, and Ron Rowe

Members Absent: Alex Greyer, Yoo Jin Jeong, Jared Loveless, Trenton Marks, Ilinca Popescu, and Max Simmons

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kristine Cho made a motion to approve of the agenda. Justin Washington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DRAFT September YAC Minutes

Attachments: [DRAFT YAC September Minutes](#)

Kieran Malloy made a motion to approve of the minutes. Haley Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Topics for the Youth Advisory Council for 2017-2018 year

Kacy Hall asked members of the Youth Advisory Council to narrow down the list of 15 topics that was brought up at the last meeting to a small list.

Kacy Hall also suggested looking at topics that are in line with the City Council. Kieran Malloy suggested other members to think about topics that can be implemented and pertain to youth. Kieran Malloy also asked the YAC members to break into 2 smaller groups. Each group broke up and had their own discussions about the 5 topics they want to focus on.

Group 1: Haley Stevens, Landon Hubble, Justin Washington, Micheal Nguyen, Micah Prenger, Laura Frymire, Lexi Camp

- Social Justice
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- More activities for youth
- Homelessness-with the sub-category of hunger and resources for low income and disadvantage youth

Group 2: Kristine Cho, Will Cover, William Hern, Kieran Malloy, Micah Prenger, Memphis Cutchlow, Estrella San Juan-Rodriguez

- Stress/Anxiety Management
- Mental Health/Suicide
- Visible/Invisible Illnesses

After the individual group meeting, each group was asked to present the 5 topics they picked to the other group. Will Cover suggested implementing more youth activities as a solution to a lot of the topics. Haley Stevens also encouraged the council to look at the topic of Social Justices and Awareness. She suggested the council to implement a program or campaign that promotes youth to have civil conversation over difficult topics. David Nhek suggested reaching out to the Wake Up Campaign members at Battle High School.

Kristen Cho later asked members to vote whether they want to narrow down the topics to 3 or 2 topics they want to work. All members voted to narrow down the topics to 2 with the exception of Riley Cole who voted to narrow it down to 3 topics. The members then proceeded to vote on the topic they want to work on first.

The votes are as follows:

- Social Justice: Will Hern, Micheal Nguyen, David Nhek, Haley Stevens
- Implementing Activities for Youth: Lexi Camp, Kristine Cho, Riley Cole, Landon Hubble, Will Cover, Memphis Cutchlow, Kieran Malloy, Estrella San Juan-Rodriguez, Justine Washington, and Micah Prenger
- Implementing More Resources for low income and disadvantage youth: Laura Frymire

Kacy Hall will have city staff come and present on these topics at the November YAC meeting so that YAC members can decide which topic they would like to focus on for the year. Potential Youth Events Ideas:

- Poetry Slam-Will Cover
- TedX- Kristine Cho

- Columbia Public Concerts-Kieran Malloy
- Speak Your Mind Forum-Kieran Malloy
- Riley Coley suggested to the events more inclusive by offering other students from not only the 3 big high schools to come to the events.
- Kacy Hall suggested holding the events, especially the concerts, in the strategic neighborhoods so it could all tie back to the City Council.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

City Government Legislative Process

Attachments: [YAC Mtg. October 10, 2017](#)

Kacy Hall had a presentation over how the Columbia government legislative process occurs and how each member of the Columbia government are elected.

Building Inclusive Communities Training

Attachments: [BIC Flyer](#)

Kacy Hall also brought up a training opportunity called Building Inclusive Communities. It is a training opportunity for all city employees. The training goes over topics such as age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, and others.

- Upcoming Date is November 15th 2017
- It is not mandatory
- Will not count as an excused absence

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP):

A member of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) brought to our attention about a new policy that will be in place in Missouri by July 2018. The new policy requires schools to have policy for suicide prevention and resources. The AFSP also provides a free training that is offered to all staff members of schools and their students. The AFSP is starting to get schools to have training programs by first reaching out to the Out-Reach Counselors of different schools but later they also planned on working toward the Staff and Administrating levels. They also want to have a Campus Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness at the different high schools. Will Cover asked the member of the AFSP about how the new policy is going to work? Members of AFSP responded that the new policy will require each school to adopt some form of a suicide prevention and awareness policy. They could either follow an already existing model or create their own model that best fit their school and students.

Youth Community Coalition Leadership Training:

Ron Rowe, Youth Community Coalition Coordinator and Non-voting staff liaison to the Youth Advisory Council, discussed an upcoming event that YAC members may be interested in. The first Youth Leadership Event, which will be held at the ARC on October 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided and the event is free. Any high school student is welcome to attend. At the event there will be speakers talking about leadership topics and skills. Ideally, students who attend will have a project in mind but are still welcome to attend even if they do not.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on November 14th, 2017.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Will Cover made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Memphis Cutchlow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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