



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
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 6:01 P.M.

Present: 16 - Will Cover, Memphis Cutchlow, Ismael Rashid, James Glaser, Genevieve Harline, Hope Keithahn, Amanda Kurukulasuriya, Amira McKee, Lydia Olmsted, Blaine Ravert, Nicholas Sheaffer, Abigail Bridgeman, Brandon Kim, Nadia Lake, Mya White and Shruti Gautam

Excused: 4 - Rachael Erickson, Marissa Kraus, Sarvika Mahto and Yeshemibet Menen

Unexcused: 1 - Henry Koenig

Non-Voting: 2 - Ron Rowe and Betsy Peters

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Will Cover made a motion to approve the agenda. Abigail Bridgeman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lydia Olmsted made a motion to approve the minutes of the September YAC meeting. Will Cover seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

Possible Sustainability Project

The Youth Advisory Council briefly discussed the Sustainability Checklist as a possible topic for the upcoming school year. The members viewed the organization's website and general information surrounding the Sustainability Checklist. The discussion did not come to a vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Prepare Conversion Therapy Ban Letter to City Council

The Youth Advisory Council discussed how to best represent the interest of the youth in a letter to the City Council in support of a conversion therapy ban in Columbia.

Citywide Youth Summit Planning

Planning for the Citywide Youth Summit included a discussion on the advertising, budget, possible dates, food, transportation, and general structure of the Summit. One of the main suggestions was to structure the Summit as a partial town hall and partial speech-based event with a Q&A section. Discussions of issues would be expanded to include local experts on the topics. Additionally, the possible recruitment of new Youth Advisory Council members was discussed. It was also brought up whether the Summit would contain separate events for each school at each respective high school or if there would only be one Summit at a specified location. The Youth Advisory Council agreed to a future discussion on the one summit versus three summits issue.

YAC Topic Discussion

The Youth Advisory Council discussed possibly continuing to discuss the topics from the previous school year, including substance abuse among teenagers and sustainability. On the topic of substance abuse, the continuation of surveys on vaping and an application of the 2018-2019 research and further application within school-specific health curriculum, specifically redesigned anti-drug campaigns. Other suggested topics include youth homelessness after the closing of the youth center of the Rainbow House and socioeconomic inequality/the achievement gap within local public high schools. Climate change/sustainability and substance abuse were the two main topics that the Youth Advisory Council agreed to focus on for the yearlong topics. Youth homelessness, increase in violence, and inequalities in education were three independent topics that the Council wanted to focus on for shorter periods of time throughout the year.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Youth Advisory Council discussed doing a budget balancing game at their November meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 12, 2019

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Amira McKee made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Shruti Gautam. The meeting ended at approximately 8:02 PM.

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