



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
6:00 PM

Regular

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 17 - Kieran Malloy, Kristine Cho, Trenton Marks, Michael Nguyen, Micah Prenger, Ilinca Popescu, Alex Geyer, Jared Loveless, Riley Cole, Will Cover, Memphis Cutchlow, Laura Frymire, William Hern, Landon Hubble, David Nhek, Estrella San Juan-Rodriguez and Haley Stevens

Excused: 4 - Justin Washington, Lexi Camp, Yoo Jin Jeong and Max Simmons

Non-Voting: 5 - Matt Leuchtmann, Ron Rowe, Ian Thomas, Virginia Lennon and Betsy Peters

II. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no new members to introduce.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kieran Malloy made a motion to approval of the agenda. Trenton Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Attachments: [DRAFT YAC October Minutes](#)

Kieran Malloy made a motion to approval of the minutes. Alex Geyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Discuss "Activities for Youth/ Social Equity" Report Topics

Attachments: [YAC Mtg. November 14, 2017](#)

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation wants to work with Youth Advisory Council to help create and implement a survey to create a formal report over youth engagement in community events. Youth Advisory Council is planning to create the survey and send

them out to the 3 high schools around December. Matt Leuchtmann suggested reaching out to Michelle Bumstark who is the CPS Community Relations Director. Parks and Recreation is going to come and have a presentation in the next YAC meeting on December 12th. Activities for Youth: Kieran Malloy suggested an idea to create an intramural programs to help tied the three different neighborhood. Members were interested in reaching out to Ukatsu- an organization that focuses on E-game to help build community-to possibly come in and have a presentation in February meeting. Ron Rowe suggested reaching out to Louder Than A Boom Poetry Festival and have them come in for a presentation as there have been a lot of interest from the high schools.

Wake UP!

Attachments: [Wake Up! YAC Presentation](#)

[Wake Up Agendas](#)

Trenton, William and David presented on the Wake Up campaign. This was started in Battle High School and promotes for individuals to wake up and be aware of social biases and oppression in our society. Trenton asked the group if anyone was able to attend the dialogue training by Sarah Read on November 10, 2017. Micah Prenger, YAC member, stated that he went and found it interesting. He described the listening circle where individuals listen to someone speak on a topic and then attempt to repeat back what they said so they could understand where the person was coming from.

The Wake Up Campaign was founded last year and was created to address the stigma surrounding topics such as race, sex, gender, etc. Another goal of the Wake Up Campaign is to implement social justice in the classroom and create a social justice based curriculum. This curriculum involves documenting and discussing these topics and utilizing listening circles for these topics and events.

Since the Wake Up Campaign has been established in Battle and has been successful, the group would like to see chapters opened up in other Columbia High Schools. Through establishing this at Battle, the Wake Up Campaign has made connections in the CPS Administration and is now the student branch of the Equity Team of Columbia Public Schools. The Youth Advisory Council could help in other ways instead of establishing chapters within their own schools. Some ways include: participating in Wake Up Activities, Expanding opportunities to Host Wake Up Activities, or serving as a Wake Up liaison.

YAC Member, Kieran Malloy asked "If we were to establish a Wake Up Chapter, How would we facilitate trainings or open community forums for those topics?" Wake Up presenters responded that it may be nice to have Sarah Read come and train YAC members to facilitate these discussions on difficult issues. It was also mentioned that it was important to make sure that the topics and way you discuss them fit your school.

Mr. Leuchtmann, staff sponsor of the YAC and the Wake Up Campaign at Battle, stated that the Wake Up Campaign was formed as a response to Ferguson. When students wanted to discuss the events that were occurring they were denied. In response to the denial, the students decided to approach the issue through training

in dialogue facilitation. It is now a District mandate. The facilitation dialogue training is not debating where there is a right or wrong answer; it promotes true listening for understanding. This Wake Up Campaign also ties directly into the Social Equity portion of the city of Columbia's Strategic Plan.

A YAC member asked if there was an overarching Wake Up Chapter or events that were hosted that everyone could attend? The Battle Chapter wishes that more Wake Up groups would be established and expanded. Another member asked how to establish a chapter in their school? Wake Up presenters answered to go through the administration, fill out the form to establish a club and find a sponsor. Then it's all about recruiting members. Haley Stevens asked about the Wake Up Instagram page and if other chapters were established would they be given administrative rights to that page or would they create their own? The Wake Up staff said they could consider adding administrative rights if other chapters were established or they could be left separate. A YAC member asked if there was one topic of discussion that clearly needed to be talked about, per the Social Science Surveys that Battle uses

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAdxekMFcuJ6Lg54O1hPSKBG7CZqMjWnWFyYLccb0dKObkRg/viewform#responses>). A Wake Up presenter answered that all topics are important but the most frequently mentioned topics were: race, sex, gender, pronouns and mental health.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Strategic Plan

Kacy Hall presented an overview of the City's Strategic Plan to the Youth Advisory Council members. She discussed the 5 key priorities including: Economy, Social Equity, Operational Excellence, Public Safety and Infrastructure. There are two annual updates on the City's Strategic Plan available to the public at the link below.

<http://www.como.gov/strategic-plan/>

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Due to a resignation, the YAC has one vacancy for the upcoming school year. Kacy Hall will send out an email for YAC members to circulate and encourage people to apply.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on December 12th, 2017.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Kris Cho made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex Geyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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