



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, November 12, 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 PM

Present: 16 - Will Cover, Memphis Cutchlow, Rachael Erickson, Genevieve Harline, Henry Koenig, Marissa Kraus, Amanda Kurukulasuriya, Sarvika Mahto, Lydia Olmsted, Blaine Ravert, Nicholas Sheaffer, Abigail Bridgeman, Brandon Kim, Nadia Lake, Mya White and Shruti Gautam

Excused: 3 - Ismael Rashid, Hope Keithahn and Yeshemibet Menen

Unexcused: 2 - James Glaser and Amira McKee

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 carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will Cover made a motion to approve the October minutes. Henry Koenig seconded. The motion carried.

Draft of October Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October YAC Minutes - DRAFT](#)

V. NEW BUSINESS

We Are All Crew Project With Resident Arts

Will Cover made a motion to amend the agenda to table We Are All Crew with Residents Arts Project to the December 10th meeting. Abigail Bridgeman seconded. The motion carried.

Youth Vaping Discussion

The council listened to input from three members of the Substance Abuse Advisory Commission on the current impacts of vaping on youth both nationally and locally. Members discussed which policies might be implemented at the local level to reduce the prevalence of vaping among teens, specifically bans on certain flavored products, minimum pricing requirement, and changing zoning laws to prevent retailers from selling such products within a certain distance of schools. Also discussed was the type of information available on the rate of retailers illegally selling tobacco products to underage customers, particularly in Boone County.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Summit Planning

The council discussed tentative timelines for the summit and how best to advertise the summit to high school students, as well as the feasibility of having smaller panels in each school to gather topic ideas before the summit date. The council general favored such a plan, and tentatively agreed to aim to hold the summit in March of 2020.

Discussion Groups

The council broke into two working groups to discuss increasing sustainability in Columbia Public Schools buildings and reducing the use of vape products among teens. The sustainability group focused on implementing low-cost sustainability changes over time as well as purchasing solar panels for the school district. The substance abuse group focused on updating anti-vaping advertisements and holding seminars in freshman advisory classes to inform students about the dangers of vape products.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 10, 2019

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Bridgeman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Will Cover. The meeting ended at approximately 8:02 PM.

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