



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Youth Advisory Council

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
6:00 PM

Regular

701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO. 65201
Conference Room
1A/1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: 10 - Emily Crumbliss, Grace Harris, Ahlam Alamin, Aanya Shetty, Mira Tosh, Eleanor Schierding, Xi Kang, Laya Anand, Aryan Debnath and Blair Townsend

Excused: 5 - Alex Hiles, John Yu, Jacquelyn Sample, Kai Kuroki and Ellie Brooks

Absent: 1 - Harvey Munter

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Josh Theus, Media and Creative Services Supervisor was introduced to talk about YAC's proposal for a social media presence. He is here to discuss the logistics and legal considerations of doing social media in conjunction with the city.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ahlam Alamin, seconded by Emily Crumbliss; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October minutes made by Mira Tosh, seconded by Laya Anand; motion carried.

YAC Draft Meeting Minutes- October 14, 2025

Attachments: [YAC Draft Meeting Minutes-October 14, 2025](#)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Youth Summit Planning

The YAC confirmed an Earth Day Youth Summit. The YAC listed potential attendee groups as: Parks and Rec, Youth Employment Opportunities, CERF, Red Cross, Recycling Organization (City of Columbia affiliated), and Local Motion. Grace Harris proposed a Bingo stamp system to optimize engagement with the booths. Mira Tosh added that these stamps could be given based upon engagement with the Three Areas of Focus. The YAC proposed City of Columbia merchandise as a prize for completing the bingo board. Ahlam Alamin confirmed that the age demographic for the Youth Summit would be teenagers.

Service Project Ideas for Areas of Focus

The YAC discussed their Three Areas of Focus: Sustainability, Wellness, Safety and Security. Grace Harris notified YAC of a Honeysuckle Cleanup Volunteer project idea with science teacher Mike Slydowski (November 23, 2025 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm).

Josh Theus highlighted how outreach events need a signed consent form for photos.

Rebecca Roesslet, Public Health and Human Services Director sent an email with ideas for YAC activities. This included vaping, maternal child health, and public health department education. Matt Stephens with CPD suggested discussing gun safety campaigns as a guest speaker.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Social Media Workshop

Josh Theus announced that YAC will not be able to directly create and run their own account, following up with more information in the form of a social media workshop. He discussed how YAC may be able to produce instagram content through the city's account. The limitations to producing content was that it had to be sent to the city for edits and confirmation, and most likely required a YAC subcommittee for Social Media. Working groups may be an alternative to this. Everything posted on the account would be a legal sunshineable document. Emily Crumbliss, Laya Anand, and Eleanor Schierding showed interest in joining this possible subcommittee.

YAC presented their homework on social media ideas, it included: Farmer's Market Park Cleanup, Volunteering Areas and Businesses, Featuring Specific Sustainable Businesses, Informational Videos on different safety topics. Aanya Shetty posed the idea of polls under posts to collect citizen input. Josh Theus concluded that posting may be a multi-month process at first. Lacey Salazar confirmed a Social Media Toolkit (Dos & Don'ts) would be created for YAC use.

IX. REPORTS

Lacey Salazar presented November Newsletter featuring some Youth Programs in CoMo:
Day Dreams Foundation
PEACE and HOPE Center for Youth
Young Life Columbia
Dream Tree Academy
CYBA
November Newsletter

Attachments: [November Newsletter](#)

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Lacey Salazar commented that the YAC Press Release is being Reviewed and Edited
There is a Superintendent Meeting: Lacey Salazar, Grace Harris, and Ahlam Alamin are attending (Nov 20)
CouncilPerson: Let's Talk Local (Nov 18)

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 9, 2025

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Emily Crumbliss motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Xi Kang. [motion carried]. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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