



First Selectman's Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

In attendance: Nikhil Jaiswal, Olivia Schnur, Mark Chen, Harry Kilberg, Jamya Lagout, Colin Speaker, Zane Khader, Steven Blank, Anne-Emile Rouffiac, Isabelle Harper, Jimmy Papas, Hadley Rosenberg, Wyatt Razdin, Andres Ruh, Lauren Harteveltdt, Raffy Lipschitz, Sumner Hill, Emma Kate Smith, Mary O'Connor, Jonny Citron, Campbell Officer, Peter Kapp, Samuel Jake Weiner

Absent: Izzy Kalb, Makenna Goeller, Prathit Kurup, Noor Rekhi, Gerty Hisler, Alexander Clarke

Meeting Call to Order:

By: Olivia Schnur

Time: 7:36pm

Introductions

- Nikhil, Chair; Mark, Vice Chair of Logistics and Records; Olivia, Vice Chair of Outreach and Finance
- Harry: Mentor
 - Community engagement; brainstorming; questions
- Danielle: Youth Services Bureau Administrator
- Review of Handbook:
 - Attendance Policy:
 - Can miss up to 3 meetings in a row; 5 for the whole year
 - Excused
 - Valid Reason
 - Invalid Reason
 - Time commitment
 - If you can't make the time commitment, we can help you find positions elsewhere
 - Project proposals
 - Complete form to propose a project and board will have a discussion
 - Subcommittees
 - Standing subcommittees
 - Every commissioner required to be on 2
 - List of subcommittees:
 - Inequality, Inclusion, Race Relations
 - Environmental Impact and Sustainability
 - Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Mental Health and Well-being
 - Law Enforcement Citizen-Government Interaction
 - Community Partner Relations
 - Healthcare and Education Accessibility
 - Commission Messaging and Awareness
 - Meetings
 - Full Board Meetings: mandatory
 - Work Sessions: informal but mandatory, Opportunity to do work on subcommittees
 - Outside Meetings: Executive member must be present, must take place in a public location
 - Misrepresentation of the board: Don't speak on behalf of the board
 - Participation

- Board members must be a part of at least one significant, issue-driven subcommittee throughout the session
- Each member must propose at least two project proposals each session
- Suggestion Boxes
 - Online form linked on the Youth Commission website
 - Physical suggestion boxes at each schools

Review of Current Projects

- Community Vaping Presentation
 - Goal: educate parents
 - Offer it in November
 - Greenwich Together will send out their vaping video to Greenwich families: “Top Ten Things to Know About Vaping
 - \$750 Grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
 - Funds to be used for “In Plain Sight”, interactive program for parents
 - Presented by kids
 - Mental health and substance abuse professionals will present and facilitate
- Subcommittee selection, complete Google form/survey
- Andres Ruh partnership with Greenwich Together/Kids in Crisis
 - Made some sick phone stickers
 - “Be Smart Don’t Start”
- Second Annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference
- Olivia Schnur: FSYC Scholarship, facilitated by Greenwich Scholarship Association
 - Financially need-based
- Summer Projects Update
 - Greenwich Together Logo Contest: Andres Ruh
 - SEED Program: Nikhil
 - Student engagement exploration and discovery
 - 4th Graders at New Lebanon Elementary School
 - Youth volunteer from school or adults from corporate groups
 - Engage with kids; help with social and emotional issues
 - Serve as a way for the school and mental health resources from school to support kids
 - Danielle: Background
 - Simple program for “underdog” kids to be connected with adult
 - Problem: kids are disengaged – need a positive adult in their lives
 - Volunteer club at school
 - Jonny: Connections @ Brunswick program to connect younger students with older students
- Group picture next meeting

Community Outreach

- TAG/Safe Rides
 - Contact Nikhil
- Kids-in-Crisis
 - Contact Andres

Commissioner Reports: Important updates from school communities:

- School representatives communicate updates, issues, concerns of their schools
- Commissioner introductions

Next Meetings

Full Board: September 10, location TBA

Work Session: September 24, Cone Room

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34pm