



Commission on Youth Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Youth Issues

February 03, 2014

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: R. Dylan Allen, Diane Davenport, Bijal Desai-Ramirez, Lilian Getachew, Beth Gooch, Malcolm Hill, Malik Johnson, Sloan Marion, Michael McMahon, Deborah Morley, Alice Mutrux, Ruth Selipsky, Mayor Shelley Welsch (Council Liaison) and Courtney Gregory (Staff Liaison)

Absent:

Excused: Caryn St. Clair

Mayor Shelley Welsch called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Member Introduction: All members introduced themselves and why they wanted to serve on the Youth Commission.

New Business

Mayor Welsch gave an introduction and overview of running the youth commission. Mayor Welsch opened the discussion with the "Report on Seniors and Youth" to get a sense of what the members will focus on moving forward. There was in-depth discussion on the survey report. Members expressed concern about specific areas the survey targeted. Additional information was requested about a detailed breakdown by city street and city block. The commission explored issues that were prominent with the young adults in the community. Issues that the commission would like to focus on are a place where young adults can gather and be welcomed such as a teen center and a skate park. Another focus discussed was an opportunity fair for young adults that allowed the community and businesses to offer job/internship/volunteer opportunities to students in the community. The adults and young adults agreed to form sub committees to research teen centers in the area and collaborate efforts for youth opportunities in the community.

Teen Center:

Lilian, Malik and Dylan will meet to do research and invite guests from the Pink House, The Spot, Ferguson Youth Initiative and Webster Groves Parks for presentations.

Youth Opportunities:

Sloan, Ms. Morley, Michael and Ruth will explore the collaborative effort for youth opportunities.

Next Meeting: Monday March 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Members decided to wait a few months to elect officers. Four appointments (two young adults and two adults) are currently open. A social worker appointment is also open.

Actions / Follow-Up Items:

- Mr. Hill will get the figures of homeless teens and suspension rates at the high school
- Ms. Gregory will get more information about photo release forms
- Subcommittee research

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19p.m. A motion to move was made by Diane and seconded by Bijal

NEXT MEETING
Monday March 3, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Heman Park Community Center