



Commission on Youth Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Youth Issues

April 07, 2014

Location: Heman Park Community Center
Attendees Present: Bria Banks, Diane Davenport, Bijal Desai-Ramirez, Beth Gooch, Malik Johnson, Katerina Koenigs, Sloan Marion, Michael McMahon, Alice Mutrux, Ruth Selipsky, Stefani Weeden – Smith, Caryn St. Clair and Courtney Gregory (Staff Liaison)
Absent: R. Dylan Allen, Lilian Getachew, Malcolm Hill, Deborah Morley
Excused: Mayor Shelley Welsch (Council Liaison)

Call to Order

Mr. Malik Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Davenport and supported by Mrs. Gooch. The motion was approved and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was moved by Mrs. St. Clair to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved and carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson introduced Mrs. Stefani Weeden-Smith from the University City Make a difference day Committee. Mrs. Weeden-Smith asked for the Commission's involvement in planning and volunteering for Make a Difference Day in October. Mrs. Weeden-Smith offered several volunteering opportunities and ideas for the Commission.

The group discussed the need to spread the word about the commission.

Teen Center:

Malik, Bijal, Sloan and Alice will be meeting at St. Louis Bread Company at 4pm to discuss the idea of a teen center. There was no further discussion of the skateboard park idea

Youth Opportunities:

Ruth, Sloan and Michael are gathering information on opportunities for volunteering in the fall, and will be reaching out to the University City Chamber of Commerce in an effort to determine which U City companies might have job opportunities for University City youth.

Citizen Participation:

Xzantia Criner

Ms. Criner expressed her concern with the differences in management and privileges between University City High School and her school (Lieberman learning center). Ms. Criner commented:

- She was unhappy with the availability of teachers for tutoring sessions
- Would like to have the opportunity to visit more colleges than Ranken
- Would like to have the same privileges as other high school students because they work just as hard or harder at LLC
- She appreciates that the Youth now has the ability to voice their opinion

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55p.m. A motion to move was made by Bijal and seconded by Katerina.

NEXT MEETING
Monday May 5, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Heman Park Community Center