



## Commission on Youth Issues

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### Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Youth Issues

June 02, 2014

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: R. Dylan Allen, Bria Banks, Bijal Desai-Ramirez, Beth Gooch, Malcolm Hill, Malik Johnson, Katerina Koenigs, Michael McMahon, Deborah Morley, Alice Mutrux, Ruth Selipsky, Mayor Shelley Welsch (Council Liaison) and Courtney Gregory (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Lilian Getachew, Sloan Marion, Nikki Beverly

Excused: Caryn St. Clair

Public Attendance: Kevin Taylor, Rodney Jennings, Lynda Pritchard,

#### Call to Order

Mayor Welsch called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A motion to amend the agenda to include the “Teen Pool Party” as a new was made by Ms. Morely and seconded by Ms. Selipsky. This motion was approved.

Mayor Welsch introduced two new members of the commission Mrs. Mary Anne Zaggy and Mr. Rod Jennings. Mrs. Mary Anne Zaggy will be appointed to the Commission the following Monday by Mayor Welsch. Mr. Jennings will be appointed as Council Liaison the following Monday as well.

#### Approval of Agenda

Ms. Morley moved to have the “Teen Pool Party” added to the New Business section of the agenda. A was moved by Mrs. Desai- Ramirez to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was seconded by Ms. Morley and approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was moved by Ms. Gooch to approve the minutes from the April 07, 2014 meeting. Ms. Selipsky Seconded and the minutes were approved.

A motion was moved by Ms. Gooch to approve the minutes from the May 05, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Desai - Ramirez Seconded and the minutes were approved.

#### New Business:

**Orientation** - Ms. Morley opened the discussion about the Orientation session. According to the Doodle poll, the best night for the Young Adults to attend the orientation session was June 20, 2014 in the evening from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Ms. Morley proposed to have the session facilitated by someone who is familiar with youth and adult

partnerships. Ms. Morley will try to find a facilitator to attend the orientation session. Ms. Gregory will speak with Mr. Walker to find out if a stipend will be available to pay a facilitator for three hours. The location of the orientation is still pending. Mayor Welsh suggested contacting the school district if the library or Trinity church is not available. Mr. Jennings also suggested contacting Wei Hong seafood to see if their conference room is available for the orientation. Ms. Gregory will follow up with Trinity church and contact the library for availabilities for that evening.

Mayor Welsch asked the young adults what they wanted to get out of the orientation session and what is important to them. Some suggestions were:

- Getting to know everyone
- The Youth in the city to come together and have their voices heard
- Meeting more than once a month
- Establish a specific direction and organization within the commission
- Use nametags to be more familiar with the other commission members
- Establish a mission and bylaws

Mayor Welsch suggested that the Commission think about what schedule works best and how often the Commission would like to meet.

Teen Pool Party - Ms. Selipsky reported that the City Manager Mr. Walker approved the Teen Pool Party and waived all admission fees for this event. An itinerary and a firm date must be selected. The tentative date for the event will fall between July 22 -26<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 PM. The middle of July was chosen because most families are away on vacation in August or students start pre-season sports and band camp etc. A subcommittee was formed for planning the event and will meet Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM at St. Louis Bread Company. Young adults and at least one adult will attend the next park commission meeting to let the members know the commission's plan. Ms. Koenigs will create a flyer for the pool party. Mrs. Zaggy, Ms. Mutrux and Mr. Johnson will pass the final flyers out to the attendees at the Movies in the Park event on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Business:

The commission discussed participating in the University City Movies in the Park. Mr. Burke attended the last meeting to see recruit the youth commission to coordinate a fun event before the movie starts 30 minutes after sundown. Mrs. Gooch suggested that the commission choose 42 and create an event to go along with the baseball theme. Mrs. Pritchard suggested getting in contact with the baseball coach at the high school to participate in the pre-movie event. It was suggested to invite the zoo or the bird sanctuary to attend the pre-movie event. Mrs. Gooch will contact the Zoo and the bird sanctuary.

#### Citizen Participation:

Mr. Kevin Taylor  
722 Canton Avenue

Mr. Taylor shared his notes from the meeting and posed questions to the commission

1. Think about developing the structure for the future of the commission
2. Have your mission and goals posted up with the purpose of tying the new ideas and goals to the main purpose the commission was designed to do.

Mayor Welsch requested that Mrs. Pritchard's contact information be included in the minutes:

Lynda Pritchard  
University City High School  
314-290-4100 Ext. 2102

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:04 p.m

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday July 7, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Heman Park Community Center**