



MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH ISSUES AGENDA

**Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania**

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 3rd**
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
 - TEEN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES HANDOUT
 - GUEST MS. STEFANI WEEDEN - SMITH - MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
 - NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES REPORTS
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FAIR
 - TEEN CENTER / SKATE PARK
- G. PUBLIC/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (comments limited to 3 minutes)**
- H. COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING – MAY 5TH 6:00 p.m.

CSIRKL Teen Arts Lab

Teen Rights and Responsibilities

Rights and responsibilities come hand in hand. For our project to be effective, we clarify the rights of our participants. Our teens also have responsibilities to care for themselves, others, and the community as a whole.

Rights:

- Teens have the right to professional, responsible, and respectful treatment from each other and the Mentors that values all kinds of differences between people, including race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, and disability.
- Teens have the right to be involved willingly, and to participate in conversations about their growth, development, and participation.
- Teens have the right to have information about them stay private.
- Teens have the right to give their opinions about processes and direction of the project.
- Teens have the right to participate in a setting that is safe and clean.
- Teens have a right to consistent enforcement of project rules and expectations.
- Teens have a right to set goals for themselves.
- Teens have a right to have their own religious and/or spiritual beliefs.
- Teens have a right to bring any question about their project participation, problem, or concern to the attention of the Project Director, or another adult mentor.
- Teens have the right to refuse participation in an activity, and the right to be informed about any consequences of not participating.

Responsibilities:

- Teens have a responsibility to act in a respectful way towards Adult Mentors, other teens and all community stakeholders.
- Teens have a responsibility to respect themselves, others, and the environment.
- Teens have a responsibility to be on-time and present at activities and project meetings.
- Teens have a responsibility to keep information about other program participants private.
- Teens have a responsibility to be honest, and provide the most accurate and complete information possible.
- Teens have a responsibility to give feedback about the project, and share any concerns with the Director.
- Teens have the responsibility to participate actively.
- Teens have the responsibility to voice concerns openly and safely.
- Teens have the responsibility to refrain from verbal or physical fighting, harassment towards others, abusive language, stealing, damage to property, and sexual activity while involved in the community as a Teen Ambassador.
- Teens have the responsibility to never bring drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind to CSIRKL project meetings or activities.
- Teens have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that does not impact negatively on another teen's experience within the project.

I agree with the above:

name

date