



City of Rockville Youth Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

4-6 p.m.

City Hall – Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room

Commissioners present: Daniela Naaman, Eli Noda, Albert Leigh, Andrianna Gooneskera, Desalegn Early, Paige Henry, Catherine Busca, Leila McCarthy, Azusa Strader, Alan Guech

Staff Liaisons present: Melinda Norton, Jordan Perry

- I. Welcome and Convene**
 - Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm
- II. Agenda Review**
 - Leila reviewed the agenda
- III. Community Form**
 - Tabled
- IV. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - Minutes approved with no corrections
- V. Chair Report**
 - Nothing to report
- VI. Staff Liaison Report**
 - Updates on registration for rec programs and volunteer opportunities with the holiday drive
- VII. Council Liaison report**
 - Tabled
- VIII. Discussion of the Youth Commission goals for the 2025-2026 Term**
 - Partnering with local mental health organizations to provide programs
 - Youth street festival – invite school clubs to participate
 - Smaller events such as movie nights
 - Advocate for social media specific to youth
 - Make table for events more exciting to draw more people in

- Have commissioners be liaisons for their schools and build relationships with the SGAs
- Leverage Vote16 relationship
- Rockville Youth Newsletter
- Text alert system
- Expanding ballet studio
- Expanding access to public recycling bins
- Address racism and bias in schools
- Town halls at community centers – bringing people together
- Career readiness activities – Wegmans partnership
- Life skills workshops
- College readiness
- Advocate for more professional internships

IX. Action Plan Creation

- Send a letter to the City requesting an online presence for the Youth Commission including social media and an online youth newsletter
- Host community forums at Community Centers. Each would have a theme.
- Leila will send out a sign up for subcommittees for the 3 community centers townhalls
- Host a movie in the park
- Pool party at the end of the school year
- Forming partnerships with SGAs

X. Old/New Business

- None

XI. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.