

**MINUTES  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL  
November 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual Via Microsoft Teams**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on November 1, 2022 at 4:05 P.M. by President Alondra Feng-Baez.

Council Members Present: Alondra Feng-Baez, Aidan Niemi, Jillian Hinton, Regan Hinton, Garrett Skaggs  
Council Members Absent: Eva Wheatley, Abigail Hicks, Lorianna Liu

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**3.1 CFSI Grant Use Discussion**

- Jillian Hinton motioned that the YC use the grant funds to create a mental health awareness campaign in our local schools. Aidan Niemi seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor.
- YC members were asked to come up with ideas for a theme for the campaign, as well as how it could be carried out. Members are going to bring ideas to the meeting in December.

**3.3 Discussion of Youth Council Priorities**

- Jillian Hinton suggested that the Youth Council should work to develop a quiet study area that is available to students after school hours. This could be in the schools, at a library, or another comfortable environment for teens.
- Regan Hinton identified that she supports focusing on mental health for students.
- Aidan Niemi is still working on his ideas, and will present them at the December meeting.
- Alondra Feng-Baez suggested different ideas related to mental health awareness. The ideas included a creating a ‘Calming Room’ at the various schools so students with anxiety or other issues have a place to calm themselves. She also suggested providing fidget items to help students in class.
- Garrett Skaggs joined the council for the first time today, so he will present his thoughts at the December meeting.

**3.3 IHEDA My Community, My Vision Grant Decision**

- Although it sounds like a great opportunity for funding, the Youth Council decided not to pursue the IHEDA’s My Community, My Vision grants. The council believes the process would require too much of a time investment at a time when we are trying to get our Council ‘off the ground’.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 New Youth Council Member - Garrett Skaggs (Clarksville High School)**

- The Principal at Clarksville High School selected Garrett Skaggs to fill the open CHS position on the Youth Council. Garrett introduced himself to the Council. He is a sophomore who runs track and plays golf for CHS. He is also a Boy Scout and enjoys playing the guitar. He also happens to be the son of Clarksville Fire Chief Brandon Skaggs.

#### **4.2 Warmth for Winter Clothing Drive**

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin reminded Youth Council members that their presence would be appreciated at the Town of Clarksville's "Warmth for Winter" clothing drive. The event is happening at the same time as the Parks Department's "Fall Harvest Hayride." It will be from 6:00-8:00pm at Wooded View Golf Course. YC members are encouraged to stop by and volunteer if possible.

#### **6. YC Boards and Commission Reports**

\*Alondra Feng-Baez - Redevelopment Commission

- Not receiving minutes from the RDC. Ken will contact the RDC to correct this issue.

\*Eva Wheatley - Parks and Recreation Board

- Not Present/No Report

\*Jillian Hinton – Tourism Board of Managers

- Nothing of interest or importance to report. She is receiving minutes.

\*Regan Hinton – Historical Preservation Commission

- Not receiving minutes from the HPC. Ken will contact the HPC to correct this issue.

\*Aidan Niemi – Building Commission

- Not receiving minutes from the Building Commission. Ken will contact Rick Barr.

\*Abigail Hicks – Metro Board of Police, Fire, and Safety

- Not Present/No Report

\*Lorianna Liu - *Needs to select a board or commission*

\*Garrett Skaggs - *Needs to select a board or commission*

#### **YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- No Comments from the Youth Council

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin spoke with the Town Manager this week about the attendance issues with the Youth Council. Due to multiple absences by council members, nothing has been accomplished since the council was created. Town Manager Kevin Baity instructed Ken Conklin to send a message to the various school principals to notify them of the problem. The principals will be asked to encourage their representatives to make the YC meetings a priority or select new representatives to join the Youth Council. Students should be able to make one 30 minute meeting a month.

- Ken Conklin will send out an email to all YC members to see if we need to change the time/location of the meetings in order to make it easier for students to attend.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.