

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
September 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Clarksville Administration Building**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on September 6, 2022 at 4:02 P.M. in the Executive Conference Room of the Clarksville Municipal Center by President Alondra Feng-Baez.

Council Members Present: Alondra Feng-Baez, Abigail Hicks, Aidan Niemi, Jillian Hinton.

Council Members Absent: Eva Wheatley, Regan Hinton

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 CFSI Grant Use Discussion

-Council members were tasked with coming up with ideas for using \$1,000 in grant funds from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana.

-Abigail Hicks suggested the money be used for cleaning up Beechwood Park. Hicks says the parks is looking worn with rusting swings that don't work correctly, a shelter house that needs painting/repairs, and other issues. She pointed out that the park is just off the Town's new Discovery Trail, and should be better taken care of.

-Alondra Feng-Baez suggested using the funds to create an anti-bullying campaign across the various schools that are included in the Youth Council.

-Jillian Hinton suggested the funds be used in support of a winter clothing drive for kids. It was mentioned that the Youth Council could work with the Town Council on their "Warmth for Winter" clothing drive.

-Abigail Hicks suggested funding a campaign to address mental health awareness among teens/kids. COVID lockdowns caused many issues among teens.

-To help the YC decide on a cause, Ken Conklin will create a virtual list of projects for YC members to rank. We will discuss the results at the next meeting.

3.2 YC Boards and Commission Assignments

-Each member of the Clarksville Youth Council is responsible for servings as the liaison to one of the Town's Boards or Commissions. The assignments are as follows:

*Alondra Feng-Baez - Redevelopment Commission

*Eva Wheatley - Parks and Recreation Board

*Jillian Hinton – Tourism Board of Managers

*Regan Hinton – Historical Preservation Commission

*Aidan Niemi – Building Commission

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

3.3 Discussion of Youth Council Priorities

-The Youth Council is currently working on a list of topics/issues that it would like to make a priority for the coming year.

-Members requested more time to develop their lists.

-Youth Council would also like to ask the Town Council if there is anything members would want the Youth Council to address.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 IHEDA My Community, My Vision Initiative

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin presented a possible grant opportunity from the State of Indiana. It would require the Youth Council to come up with a project, develop a plan, fundraise, and then receive a match from the state.
- YC members were concerned with the time requirement for the grant. The state mandated weekly meetings, workshops, and other time commitments.
- YC member will think about the grant and make a decision on whether or not to move forward at the next meeting.

4.2 Youth Council Openings and Resignations

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin contacted Silver Creek Schools about the open position on the Youth Council, as well as the recent changes to the requirements for membership.
- With the ability to select a student from any grade at Silver Creek HS, administrators feel they will have a new member selected by the October YC meeting.
- Youth Council Member Joel Menes Hernandez of Clarksville HS officially submitted his resignation from the Youth Council today. He cited a lack of available time to serve. Hernandez has yet to attend a council meeting.
- YC Advisor Ken Conklin contacted CCSC to inform them of the resignation. They plan to have a new member selected by the October YC meeting.

4.3 Clarksville Upcoming Events (Rosie the Riveter/ClarkFEST)

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin discussed two important events that will be happening over the next two months.
- The first event is the “Rosie the Riveter” celebration in Ashland Park on Friday, September 16th. YC members were encouraged to attend if possible.
- The second event is ClarkFEST on Saturday, October 15th. YC members were encouraged to not only attend the event, but to volunteer in some way. Interested YC members will be reaching out to Councilwoman Jennifer Voignier via email.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.