

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
February 3, 2023 at 8:15am.
Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on February 3, 2022 at 8:22am by President Eva Wheatley.

Council Members Present: Jillian Hinton, Regan Hinton, Eva Wheatley, Abigail Hicks, and Lorianna Liu.
Council Members Absent: Aidan Niemi, Alondra Feng-Baez, Garrett Skaggs
Also Present: Youth Council Advisor Ken Conklin

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.1 Discussion/Update on Mental Health Poster Contest

- Youth Council members report that all schools have been contacted about participating in the contest. The only schools not to respond were Jeffersonville High School and Providence High School.
- Advisor Conklin will be printing flyers for the contest and deliver them to the schools. He will also post it on the Town's website and social media channels.
- The deadline for submissions will be February 28th. Advisor Conklin will send a PDF of the entries to all Youth Council members, and the winners will be chosen at our March 3 meeting.
- The Youth Council has asked Advisor Conklin to request a resolution from the Town Council proclaiming March to be Youth Mental Awareness Month.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion of Summer Teen Job Fair

- At the last Youth Council meeting, the idea was brought up to sponsor a summer job fair for local teens. The thought is that getting a summer job would be less scary for teens if it was in a school fair type setting.
- Advisor Conklin expressed concern that the Council would not be able to pull the event together in time since most companies will start summer hiring in the next month or two.
- Youth Council members decided to postpone the event until 2024, so they could start the planning process earlier.

3.2 Youth Philanthropy Council Grant Discussion

- The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana is once again offering grants of up to \$1,000 for organizations who support area youth. This is the same grant the Youth Council received to support the mental health awareness campaign.
- Abigail Hicks motioned that the Youth Council apply again for another \$1,000 for a project to be named later. Lorianna Liu seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

3.3 Indiana American Water Grant Discussion

- Former Clarksville Utilities Director Brittany Montgomery now works for Indiana American Water. She notified Advisor Conklin that IAW is offering up grants in support of protecting the watershed.
- Advisor Conklin suggested applying for \$2,000 in order to plant trees locally.
- Abigail Hicks suggested planting at least one tree at each high school represented by the Youth Council.
- Jillian Hinton motioned to apply for the grant. Abigail Hicks seconded. The vote was 5-0.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

*Alondra Feng-Baez - Redevelopment Commission

- Not Present/No Report

*Eva Wheatley - Parks and Recreation Board

- Not much to report other than some minor park improvements and contract renewals.

*Jillian Hinton – Tourism Board of Managers

- The Tourism Bureau is looking for a location in Southern Indiana to build a convention center.

*Regan Hinton – Historical Preservation Commission

- The HPC reported on success of projects in 2022, and listed projects for 2023. Youth Council may be interested in getting involved with the moving of the old school bell tower to Colgate Park.

*Aidan Niemi – Building Commission

- Not Present/No Report

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

- Not receiving minutes.

*Lorianna Liu – Ohio River Greenway Commission

- Not Receiving Minutes..

*Garrett Skaggs – Planning Commission

- Not Present/No Report

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Abigail Hicks wanted to discuss the old Colgate Plant. She suggested if the Town is looking for a new use for the building, it could serve as a museum/art studio for local artists to do their artwork. Work could be displayed, and residents could come and watch new artwork being made.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:49am.