

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
October 3, 2023 at 5:45pm
Clarksville Town Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on October 3, 2023 at 5:58pm by Youth Council President Jillian Hinton.

Council Members Present: Jillian Hinton, Eva Wheatley, Catherine Massingill, Clare Hinton, Lauren Hinton, Lorianna Liu (Virtual).

Council Members Absent: Kodah Mendlik

Also Present: YC Advisor Ken Conklin, Guest Speaker John Miller

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 YC Boards and Commissions

- Each member of the YC is responsible for selecting a Town board or commission to monitor for any important developments related to Clarksville Youth. Each member was tasked with deciding on their selection and announcing it at this meeting.
- Eva Wheatley selected Parks and Rec Board, Lorianna Liu selected Redevelopment Commission, Catherine Massingill selected Building Commission, Clare Hinton selected Tourism Board, Jillian Hinton selected Historic Preservation Commission, and Lauren Hinton selected the Arts Commission.
- Kodah Mendlik is the only member not to select a board or commission yet.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Guest Speaker

- YC Advisor Ken Conklin reiterated the plan to bring in a guest speaker each month to talk about their work in relation to Youth or Local Government. This month's speaker was Mr. John Miller who serves as a Clark County Councilman and a Clarksville Police Detective.

4.2 Discussion on Guest Speakers

- During the last YC meeting, members were asked to think of possible guest speakers or professions they would like to hear from so the YC could discuss.
- Suggested speakers included a Town Councilmember, a Youth Mental Health Worker, Environmentalist, Crisis Interventionist.

4.3 Discussion on Youth Council Priorities

- During the last YC meeting, members were asked to think of issues they would like to tackle during their 1-year term.
- Suggestions included supporting the rebuilding of the Clark Cabin on the Ohio, leading a hygiene supply drive for schools, getting outside mental health counselors on site in schools, promoting emotional support animals in schools, and sponsoring tutoring programs.

4.4 Beat the Heat Survey Discussion

- Advisor Ken Conklin explained to the Council that the Town was in the middle of a second Town-wide survey on extreme summer heat, and that the Town was looking for ways to get more participation.
- YC Members were asked to check with their schools to see if they would be willing to send out the survey information to their school email lists.

4.5 IAW Tree Grant Update

- Advisor Ken Conklin informed the YC that the grant money was delayed from Indiana American Water, but that the check for \$2,000 was currently in the mail.

5. BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

*Eva Wheatley – Parks and Recreation Board

- Did not receive minutes from Parks Department

*Lorianna Liu - Redevelopment Commission

- The commission received updates on several area projects. Nothing of note for Youth.

*Jillian Hinton – Historic Preservation Commission

- No Report / Recently Assigned

*Catherine Massingill – Building Commission

- No Report / Recently Assigned

*Kodah Mendlik – No Commission Selected

- Not Present / No Report

*Clare Hinton – Tourism Board

- No Report / Recently Assigned

*Lauren Hinton – Arts Commission

- No Report / Recently Assigned

6. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 6th at 5:45pm in the Town Council Chambers.