



YOUTH COMMISSION

City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

6:00 PM

MINUTES

The following are the minutes for the Meeting of the Youth Commission held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 590 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Commission Chair Ali.

ROLL CALL/STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members Present: Commissioners Ali, Garcia Genis, Israelson, Johnson, Mamo Marquez, Solem, Rogne, Tabor, Williams

Members Absent: Hussein, Johnson

Council Liaison: Mayor Márquez Simula

Also Present: Erin Buller and Eileen Crosby Columbia Heights Police Department's Embedded Mental Health Social Workers; Sara Ion, City Clerk; Ben Sandell, Communications Coordinator Silvia Hernandez Monroy (via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve January 11, 2023, Youth Commission Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Embedded Social Workers Eileen Crosby and Erin Buller.

Ben Sandell introduced the Columbia Heights Police Department's Embedded Mental Health Social Workers Eileen Crosby and Erin Buller. They played the recent Breaking the News story from Kare11 of the success of the Columbia Heights Embedded Social Worker Program. Ms. Crosby and Ms. Buller spoke about what their work days and weeks look like, how they go out on a call with Officers and how they follow up with clients. They described their educational background, additional training and what made them interested in the field of social work. The Youth Commission asked detailed follow up questions and thanked Ms. Crosby and Ms. Buller for their time.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Lantern Festival Report and Discussion.

Commissioners Ali, Rogne and William agreed that they would research and give a report about what

was needed to have a Water Lantern Festival in Columbia Heights that is put on by the Youth Commission. They will research potential locations, permits, volunteer needs and expenses.

Next Steps in Haunted House Production.

Commissioners Garcia-Genis, Solem, Marquez and Tabor agreed that they would research and give a report about what was needed to have a Haunted House again similar to the one that was presented by Heights Next several years ago. They will research potential locations, permits, volunteer needs and expenses.

Future Boards and Commission Meeting Attendance.

Postponed to next meeting.

Youth Engagement Ideas Brainstorm.

Postponed to next meeting.

Other Business.

No other business at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ali adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sara Ion, City Clerk