



YOUTH COMMISSION

City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE

Wednesday, February 08, 2023

6:00 PM

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, by calling **1-312-626-6799** and entering meeting ID **850 2963 1278** or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85029631278>. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL/STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the February 8, 2023 Youth Commission agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of 12/14/22 and 1/11/23 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023 Youth Commission meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

2. Meeting, Event and Volunteering Reports.

Commissioners discuss government meetings and/or events and volunteer activities they attended since the last Youth Commission meeting and insights gained.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Water Lantern Festival Report and Discussion.

Commissioner Ali, Rogne and William will present information related to research on potential dates, locations, need for permits, volunteers and expenses related to a Water Lantern Festival.

4. Haunted House Production Report and Discussion.

Commissioner Garcia Genis, Marquez, Solem and Tabor will present information related to research on potential dates, locations, need for permits, volunteers and expenses related to a Haunted House Production.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Future Boards and Commission Meeting Attendance.

- 6. Information from Mayor Amáda Márquez Simula Regarding Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity for CoHi Con: The Comfy Con.**
- 7. Other Business.**

ADJOURNMENT

Auxiliary aids or other accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request when the request is made at least 72 hours in advance. Please contact Administration at 763-706-3610 to make arrangements.



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 there days and weeks look like, how they go out on a call 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 Garci-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



YOUTH COMMISSION
City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
6:00 PM

MINUTES

The following are the minutes for the Meeting of the Youth Commission held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 590 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rogne called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

ROLL CALL/STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

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

Members Absent: Commissioners Ali, Solem

Council Liaison: Mayor Márquez Simula

Also Present: Connie Buesgens, Councilmember; James Hauth Utilities Superintendent; Sara Ion, City Clerk; Ben Sandell, Communications Coordinator Silvia Hernandez Monroy (via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the December 14, 2022 Youth Commission Agenda. All Ayes, motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of 9/14/22, 10/12/22, and 11/9/22 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the September 14, 2022, October 12, 2022, and November 9, 2022, Youth Commission meeting minutes. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Williams. All ayes, motion approved.

Utilities Superintendent James Hauth.

Communications Coordinator Ben Sandell introduced Utilities Superintendent James Hauth. Superintendent Hauth gave the commission information about what he does for the City, as well as his educational background. He spoke about the importance of the City's water system, how the water we drink is purified, and the different ways the water gets to our homes and businesses. He will help plan a tour of the Water Works in the Spring of 2023 for the Youth Commission.

Councilmember Connie Buesgens.

Councilmember Buesgens shared details about upcoming community garden volunteering opportunities. The Commission is looking forward to working with Councilmember Buesgens when the weather is warmer.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Commissioner Absences and Hold Vote on Membership Status for Non-Attending Members.

Communications Coordinator Sandell presented information on the bylaws for the Youth Commission and those members that were currently in violation of the attendance standards. Commissioner Novitsky had missed the 9/14/22, 10/12/22, 11/9/22 and 12/11/22 and several of the meetings in the spring of 2022. Commissioner Tabor had missed the 9/14/22, 10/12/22, 11/9/22 meetings but was in attendance tonight.

Commissioner Tabor stated that he was sorry to have missed the meetings that he did but had a school commitment with football. He promised to be in attendance going forward and to communicate his absences.

The commission members discussed the seriousness of Commissioner Novitsky missing every meeting except the first meeting and felt that it was best to move forward with asking the Council to remove her from the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Marquez made a motion to terminate the membership of the Youth Commissioner Novitsky having missed the 9/14/22, 10/12/22, 11/9/22 and 12/11/22 Youth Commission meetings with out communication to Staff or Commission Leadership as to the reason for missing the meeting. Commissioner Israelson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion approved.

Next Steps in Haunted House Production.

Postponed until the next meeting.

Water Lantern Festival Report and Discussion.

Postponed until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Boards and Commission Meeting Attendance.

Postponed until the next meeting.

Youth Engagement Ideas Brainstorm.

Postponed until the next meeting.

Other Business.

Postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Rogne adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Ion, City Clerk