



CITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Olivia Northrup.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Olivia Northrup, Hayden Beatty, Brian Huynh, Kelli Higgins, Maya Saxton, Gray Connor, Maurice Imhoff, and John Willis.

Absent: Blair Arkles, Victoria Uchendu, and Chloe Chapparo.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Councilmember Beatty and seconded by Councilmember Connor. Vote – Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Beatty, Huynh, Higgins, Saxton, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion to approve August meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Connor and seconded by Councilmember Saxton. Vote – Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Beatty, Huynh, Higgins, Saxton, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Board Development Committee** – No report.
2. **Eco-Friendly Activity Committee** – The Eco-Friendly Activity Committee met recently and contacted businesses regarding plastic bag use. The committee plans to stay in contact with the businesses.
3. **Youth Event Planning Committee** – The Youth Event Planning Committee met recently. They discussed having a fall fest, reaching out to the Michigan Theater for more events with PG-13 movies, setting up an informational table at Bright Walls, and reaching out to Lifeways and Sources of Strength.

4. **Nominating Committee** –No report.

5. **Youth Council Liaison** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bright Walls Update

The Youth Council recently attended Bright Walls Clean-Up day. The Youth Council also plans to attend the Bright Walls Festival on Saturday, Sept. 18th. They plan to go in groups (one earlier in the day, the next later in the day). The groups will be discussed in the Youth Council group chat. The Youth Council will design Youth Council t-shirts and the Event Planning Committee will plan what time to attend. Two banks are also looking for groups to sponsor at the Bright Walls Festival. The Youth Council also discussed attending Fright Walls on Oct. 30th.

Eco-Friendly Plastic Bag Update

The Eco-Friendly Activity Committee has received an email back from the organization/business that they reached out to. However, there is not much the Youth Council can do about plastic bags currently as it is in the hands of state legislators. The Eco-Friendly Activity Committee plans to stay in contact, in case of any changes. They also plan on reaching out to local stores to see the differences of bag usage.

Viking News/Newsletter Update

The Youth Councils plan to ask Jackson High School administrators to hang up posters about the Youth Council. They also plan to be featured in the Viking News.

Membership criteria

The membership criteria will be discussed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Council Meeting

The Youth Council plans to attend an upcoming City Council meeting on either Sept. 14th or Sept. 28th.

Racism Video Messages and Mural

The Youth Councilmembers plan to contact Aaron Dimick for headshots and to record video messages about racism.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Councilmembers Saxton, Connor, and Higgins all offered commissioner comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Saxton and seconded by Councilmember Huynh. Vote – Yeas: Councilmembers Northrup, Beatty, Huynh, Higgins, Saxton, and Connor. Nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm by Chairperson Olivia Northrup.