

Reading Youth Commission
Agenda
May 6, 2026
6:00 PM
Hybrid Council Chambers / Zoom

The Youth Commission will serve as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and Managing Director on issues of interest to youth and pertaining to youth in the City of Reading.

The Youth Commission aims to strengthen youth voices within the community and their participation in local government.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://readingpa.zoom.us/j/4192926522?pwd=M0dBTXh6SnNvOHppU1paMm9zUW0xZz09&omn=89731359071>

Meeting ID: 419 292 6522

Passcode: 972205

CALL TO ORDER – Five members present constitutes a quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov. Written public comment must be submitted by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. All comments received will be read into the record. Those wishing to make comment at the meeting must also register prior to 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – April 1, 2026

TREASURER’S REPORT – Shelly

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT - Jane

EVENT PLANNING

1. 6th Ward Block Party – Sat, Sept 12 at 1 pm Lauer’s Park Elementary School – Face Painting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Earth Day – Sat, April 18 at noon at City Park – Tabling
2. Creation of Newsletter
3. Meeting with Board of Health
4. Adopt-a-Block

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Knights Club Journey Bags
2. Planning a Carnival
3. Campaign Slogan Ideas for Reducing the Use of Single Use Plastics

4. Updated logo

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6 pm via Zoom

ADJOURN

Youth Commission Interests

- Mental health issues
- More recreational opportunities
- Youth Homelessness
- Pollution / climate change / environmental issues
- Reducing teen pregnancy rates
- Clean & safe streets
- Racial injustice
- Legislative & Political Process
- Self-expression
- Pride of place
- Alcohol & drug use
- Mentorship program
- School safety
- Gang violence
- Gun violence
- Burnout, anxiety, and depression issues
- Lack of resources
- Phone addiction
- Peer pressure

Speaker Requests

- Police Chief - police policy review
- MDJ – landlord / tenant issues
- MDJ – property maintenance issues