

Youth Commission
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Virtually
6:00 pm

Members Present —A. Milander, A. Ramirez, B. Suero, A. Morales, M. Tavaréz

Others Present – S. Smith, K. Mumin, W. Butler

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Ms. Tavaréz. She stated that a quorum is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Suero, to approve the July 9, 2025 meeting summaries. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No report.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Ms. Tavaréz stated that Ms. Aponte may have created a new Instagram account.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Tavaréz announced the slate of officers as:

- Chair – Melanie Tavaréz
- Vice Chair – Ashely Ramirez
- Secretary – Annabelle Milander
- Social Media – Jane Aponte

Motion was made by Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Suero, to elect the slate of officers as presented.

Ms. Suero stated that attendance at meetings and events has been low and noted the need to increase participation. She expressed the belief that that the Commission is losing opportunities.

Ms. Tavaréz stated that she has scheduled a meeting with community leaders and high school students to increase membership. She noted her hope that participation would increase.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO UPDATE

No report.

EVENT PLANNING

- 6th Ward Block Party – Saturday, September 13 from noon – 5 pm at Lauer’s Park Elementary School

Ms. Tavaréz stated that the Youth Commission will be face painting and may have a game.

- Halloween on Penn – Thursday, October 30 from 5 – 8 pm on Penn Street

Ms. Tavaréz stated that the Youth Commission will be face painting at this event and she welcomed other ideas.

Ms. Tavaréz stated that members should RSVP for the events via the group chat.

OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt-a-Block

Ms. Tavaréz noted the need for members to sign up to clean the adopted area. She explained the adopt-a-block program.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Schedule – October through December

Ms. Tavaréz noted the need to set a regular meeting schedule in hopes of increasing participation.

Those present indicated that the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm virtually works best for them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Suero questioned if there was a recruitment flyer available. Ms. Tavaréz stated that there is a flyer and she will provide it to Ms. Suero.

Ms. Suero expressed the belief that meetings and events will be more fun with more people participating.

Ms. Ramirez, using the chat feature, stated that she will recruit new members at her club meetings.

Ms. Suero expressed the belief that joining the Youth Commission can boost members' resumes and college applications.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Smith, CMC
Deputy City Clerk