



Reading Youth Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

6:00 PM

3rd floor conference room

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.

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 – December 6, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

- Let's Keep Talking Tuesday videos
- Possible partner organizations – Olivet Boys and Girls Club, Healing Hearts
- Event Planning
 - Home RHS Basketball game – Tues, Jan 10 at 7:30 pm (Saoni, Jane, Rogelio)
 - Movie Night with panel discussion – February at Teen Café – Black History Month (Saoni, Rogelio)
 - Teen Egg Hunt – near Easter – City Park / Teen Café (Brandom)
 - Mental Health Awareness Month – May event
 - Youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament – City Park
- Draft Mission Statement
- Youth Commission Ordinance amendment

NEW BUSINESS

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NEXT MEETING DATE

- Weds, Feb 1 at 6 pm in the 3rd floor conference room

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Youth Commission Interests

- Mental health issues
- More recreational opportunities
- Keep youth from relocating outside Reading as adults
- Homelessness
- Pollution / climate change / environmental issues
- Reducing teen pregnancy rates – Let's Keep Talking Tuesday social media videos
- Increase good-paying jobs
- Clean & safe streets
- Racial injustice
- Legislative process
- Self-expression
- Navigating the political system
- Pride of place
- Process / requirements to open a business

Speaker Requests

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

Youth Commission 12/06/22 Meeting

Elections were done:

- Brandom as Chair
- Saoni as Vice Chair
- Rogelio as secretary

Youth Commission Events and Brainstorming

- Black history month event (February)
 - Movie Event (empowerment film)
 - Possibly at Teens Café, or Olivets?
 - Possibly have guest speakers (The butlers)
- Dominican Independence Day (Feb.)
- Mental Health collaboration with Aveidum Club at Reading High
- Basketball Game at Reading High to Promote Movie event (Jan 10th @7:30)
- Bring back Let's Keep Talking Tuesdays (February)
- Huge Egg Hunt for kids and teens (April?)
 - Partner with Reading Rec
 - Possibly have chaperones to support having rules
 - Collaborate with The Village
- Basketball Event 3v3 Tournament (June?)
 - May have to request permission for City Park

Accountability for Events

- **Saoni:** Reach out to the Olivet's regarding movie event
- **Genesis:** Reach out to the Butlers to speak at movie event
- **Jane, Dihmond, Rogelio:** Attend basketball Jan 10th to promote movie event and speaking to principal/coach to have a table
- **Genesis and Saoni:** Making new flyers
- **Brandom:** Speaking to The Village regarding the egg hunt

Movie Event:

- Movie Options
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 - Green Book
 - Black Panther
 - Malcom X
- Possibly at The Olivets (Pendora Park)
- Have Guest Speakers (The Butlers)
- Have a privileged walk and discussion

Future Meetings

- Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm at City Hall