



Reading Youth Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

5:00 PM

Penn 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.

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

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 – September 6, 2023

PRESENTATIONS – Amber Brown, Planned Parenthood
Celines Valerio, Berks Teens

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mia & Shelly

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT - Jane

2023 BUDGET PLANNING - \$10,000 requested

EVENT PLANNING

- Halloween on Penn – Melanie, Jane & Dihmond
- Nemesis Run - Genesis

OLD BUSINESS

- Let’s Keep Talking videos
- Giveaway order - Melanie
- Video Contest – Jane & Dihmond
- Sister City Relationship With Reutligen, Germany
- BCTV programming
- Adopt-a-Block – Dihmond

NEW BUSINESS

- Review & amend list of interests

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 1, 2023 at 5 pm in the Penn Room

ADJOURN

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