



Reading Youth Commission

Agenda

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

6:00 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.

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 6, 2022, May 4, 2022, June 1, 2022, August 24, 2022, September 6, 2022, October 4, 2022

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

- Let's Keep Talking Tuesday videos
- Possible partner organizations – Olivet Boys and Girls Club, Healing Hearts
- Event Planning
 - Freedom of Expression
 - Halloween
 - Teen Café

NEW BUSINESS

- Draft Mission Statement

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a City of Reading Youth Commission [Commission]. The 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. Youth and young adults are impacted by the decisions of City officials, but seldom have the opportunity to directly participate in the process. Establishment of a Commission will facilitate the participation of youth and young adults in local government, as well as provide City officials an opportunity to hear and address their ideas and concerns.

- Youth Commission Ordinance amendment

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, December 6 at 6 pm – City Hall 3rd Floor Conference 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