

BRISTOL YOUTH COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes January 8, 2020
51 High Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Item 1 – Call to order

- a. Chairman Matthew Gotowala called the January 8, 2020 Youth Commission meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gotowala at 6:26 p.m.

Item 2 – In attendance

Attendees:

Ryan Broderick, Comm.	Tanya Ledesma, Comm
Stephen Bynum, Supervisor	Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chairman	Dr. Corey Nagle, Secretary
Ethan Grabowski, Comm.	Scott Rosado, Liaison
Karen Hintz, Comm.	Renee Singleton, Comm.
Robin Klug, Rec. Secretary	Noah Taylor, Comm
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent	Lance Washington, Comm.

Absent: Deborah Ahl, Vice Chairwoman

Item 3 – Approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2019, Youth Commission Meeting

On a MOTION by Comm. Broderick and SECONDED Secretary Nagle by it was so moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting. Following a voice vote, in which Comm. Hintz abstained, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

Item 4 – Public Participation

Jennifer Fomenko came to present to the Youth Commission the possibility of collaboration in a Bristol Pride Event to be held on June 29, 2020 with a rain date of August 1, 2020. The commission agreed to collaborate and support the event in any way possible. Discussion followed.

Item 5 – Superintendent’s Report

- a. Youth and Family Coordinator has been filled with the hiring of Kyana Anderson. Kyana was introduced to the Commission and discussion followed.
- b. There were no action items regarding the financials.
- c. The department wide Winter/Spring programming brochure has been released. It’s the largest it’s ever been. Please spread the word that groups to run concessions are being sought.
- d. Christina Sanchez has resigned as the Drug Free Communities Coordinator. She has accepted a position on the Governor’s Prevention Partnership.

Item 6 – Youth & Community Supervisor’s Report

- a. There were no action items for the Project Aware programs. The summary of group details was reported and discussion followed.
- b. The Holiday Gift Giving program was busier and served more children than years past serving roughly 260 children.

Item 7 – Youth Forum

- a. The youth forum for January focused on youth employment. Youth commissioners raised concerns regarding intimidation with the job application process, concerns with reliable transportation to and from employment and other topics of concern.

Item 8 – Old Business

- a. 51 High St. and Bristol Health discussions continue. The current tenant sharing 51 High Street has been asked to vacate.
- b. The Ordinance Committee approved recommended smoking ban on all Parks property. The proposed ban will go before a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm.

Item 9 – Discussion Topic of the month

The topic of the month, human trafficking and runaway youth was discussed. There were no action items.

Item 10 – New Business

- a. As part of the merger between Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services the newly combined department is rebranding to accurately represent its new makeup. Potential new logo options were shown to the commission. Commissioners offered feedback and discussion followed.

Item 11 – Adjournment

On a MOTION by Comm. Broderick and SECONDED by Secretary Nagle it was so moved to adjourn the Youth Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Klug
Recording Secretary Youth Commission

cc: City Clerk