BRISTOL YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes April 10th, 2019
51 High Street, Bristol, CT

Item 1 – Call to order

Chairman Matthew Gotowala called the April 10th, 2019 Youth Commission meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Gotowala at 6:20 pm

Item 3 – Attendance

Attendees: Deborah Ahl, Vice Chairwoman
Juan Calderon, Comm.
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chairman
Robin Klug, Rec. Secretary
Tanya Ledesma, Comm.
Eileen McNulty, Youth Services Dir
Corey Nagle, Secretary
Scott Rosado, Liaison
Lance Washington, Comm.

Absent: Ryan Broderick, Comm.; Ethan Grabowski, Comm.

Item 4 – Approval of the minutes of the regular March 13, 2019 Youth Commission Meeting

On a MOTION by Vice Chair Ahl **and SECONDED** Secretary Nagle **by it was so moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.
In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

Item 5 – Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 6 – Announcements

Liaison Rosado reported an anti-bullying program was held at Northeast Middle School on April 8th, 2019. The program was called, "Shred Hate." It was very informative and gave families useful tools but was poorly attended. Liaison Rosado put it to commission that he would like to further explore the possibility of the Youth Commission hosting the same program if better attendance could be achieved. Discussion followed.

Item 7 – Program Reviews

The "Man-Up" program is having difficulties with a third to half of the young men participating currently identified as having aggressive behavior. The Paul Vivian Internship program continues to take students. All other programs are going well.

Comm. Calderon reported the Peer Ed. Group is meeting every Wednesday. Their current focus topics are grief and loss. Bristol Eastern is allowing the Peer Ed group to put out school wide announcements that invite students who are struggling to reach out to Peer Educators. Peer Educators, as well as, students from both Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central High Schools will be participating in activities in concert with the Drug Free Communities initiative for "Prevention Week" in May. Discussion followed.

Item 8 – Budget Review

A check was done with Project Aware program facilitators to see where programs are with their budgets. Three programs will have unexpended funds:

Lunch Buddies	-	$250
Man Up	-	$535
Young Women's Issues Group	-	$1000
Total Projected Un-Expended Funds	-	$1785

In the past, unexpended fund were used to fund additional scholarships to spring programs that run from April to June in amounts up to $150. Requested programs have to help or enrich the lives of youths for examples: membership to the Boys & Girls Club, pool passes, and Bristol Parks and Recreation programs. Youths seeking assistance need to referred by an outside agency and must demonstrate financial need. Discussion followed.

Item 9 – Directors Report

Director McNulty reported prevention week is the week of May 12-18, 2019. The Drug Free Communities coordinator Christina Sanchez will be organizing and participating in variety of events at both Bristol High Schools including but not limited to:

Tables and presentations at Bristol Eastern Challenge Day
Mock car accident at Bristol Central High School on May 9, 2019
3 vs. 3 Student basketball

It was passed at the April 9th, 2019 City Council meeting that Bristol is officially committed to being a recovery friendly community. Discussion followed.

Item 10 – Unfinished Business

Four individual Outstanding Youth Volunteer Recognition Award nominations were received. Two group Outstanding Youth Volunteer Recognition Award nominations were received. Each nomination was assigned a number, identifying information was redacted and sent to the Youth Commission members to consider. The Youth Commission considered each nomination regarding their fulfillment of the requirements to be award recipients. It was agreed that nominee number three would be considered and if approved, approval would be pending clarification of the whether the nominee had volunteered in multiple sectors.

On a MOTION by Comm. Calderon **and SECONDED** Secretary Nagle **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #1.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

On a MOTION by Secretary Nagle **and SECONDED** Comm. Ledesma **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #2.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 6 **Abstention: 1** **Opposed: 0**

On a MOTION by Vice Chair Ahl **and SECONDED** Comm. Washington **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #3, pending confirmation of volunteer hours in**

second sector. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

On a MOTION by Vice Chair Ahl **and SECONDED** Comm. Ledesma **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #4.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

On a MOTION by Secretary Nagle **and SECONDED** Vice Chair Ahl **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #5.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

On a MOTION by Comm. Ledesma **and SECONDED** Liaison Rosado **by it was so moved to approve the nomination of nominee #6.** Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

In Favor: 7 **Abstention: 0** **Opposed: 0**

Item 11 – New Business

Commissioners unanimously requested Liaison Rosado to bring the commission's concerns regarding marijuana legalization before the City Council, as well as, to request a City Ordinance making the sale of marijuana illegal.

Item 12 – Appointments

There were no appointments.

Item 13 – Resignations

There were no resignations.

Item 14 – Adjournment

On a MOTION by Vice Chair Ahl **and SECONDED by** Secretary Nagle **it was so moved to adjourn the Youth Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Klug
Recording Secretary Youth Commission

cc: City Clerk