

## **Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth**

**May 6, 2019**

**City Hall, Room 373**

**5:30 PM**

The Commission serves to enhance and promote the positive development of all children and youth through comprehensive collaborative action. The Commission will utilize all of the community's resources, public and private agencies, businesses, church and civic organizations, to promote the health, safety, education and social well-being of all children and youth.

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Jenifer Crawford, Mary Robbins Evans, John Sanders, Sara Blancke, Duane Neff, Queenie Hall, Ericka Smith, Clair Britt

**Absent:** Cindy Taubenkimel

**Staff:** Patti Panetti, Olivia Reed

**CALL TO ORDER** 5:31 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes approved with corrections.

#### **2 guest attendees from Inside Rock Hill -**

- Carolyn Kelley – former Rock Hill resident who recently moved back and is looking to learn more about the community and events.
- Elizanah Comradie – works for Risk Care which helps youth develop life and workforce skills.
  - Amanda Baker from Risk Care was recommended as a future guest speaker to the Commission.

#### **Old Business**

- The last Commission meeting, attending a County Council meeting with a request for an increase in York County Collation funding, was discussed.
  - Budget cuts across the municipality are still in discussion with County Council.

#### **New Business**

##### **ACES Task Force Report**

- Next meeting – May 22

##### **Youth Council Report**

- Now accepting applications for 2019-2020
  - Copies of applications will be sent to Commissioners
- 2 Youth Council members have been invited to attend the All American City conference in Denver with the Mayor to speak about Rock Hill, one of 20 finalists for the award.
  - The last time Rock Hill was a finalist was 50 years ago.
  - Miracle Park and Knowledge Park will also be represented.
- 1-2 Youth Council members will be invited to attend the Commission's next meeting to speak about their work.

##### **Ambassadors' Meeting Report**

- The next meeting will focus on discussing the lack of mental health care
  - Referrals taking longer and a need for more psychiatrists.

#### **Additional Comments**

- Mid-year check-in on how the CC&Y is meeting the 2019 Goals
  - Progress is being made on each objective
  - Another way that the opioid crisis objective is being met is through a program between the Moss Justice Center and Keystone Substance Abuse Center that offers a diversion rehab program.
  - Cherry Park Grand Reopening – May 21 from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
  - Youth Service League applications are being sent out
    - Need to start in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, unless already been in the program
    - School guidance counselors recommend students who show leadership and growth potential
    - Volunteer 35 hours over a span of 8 weeks in the summer
    - Typically, there are 35-40 new students every year as well as 35-40 returning students.
- Next Commission meeting will be held June 3 at 5:30 PM.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Reed