

Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth
February 7, 2022
Meeting at Fewell Park
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, Queenie Hall, Sarah Hopkins, John Sanders, Clair Roberts, Mary Robbins Evans, Rick Gist

Absent: Cindy Taubenkimel, Erica Smith

Staff: Patti Panetti, Olivia Reed

CALL TO ORDER 6:22 PM

Commissioners met for the annual retreat. It was held at Fewell Park and Roasting Company food was provided. The beginning of the meeting was spent catching up among Commissioners and getting to know the newest Commissioner, Rick Gist.

Reflections and takeaways on what the past years have held, what has been learned, and the changes that the pandemic has brought were discussed.

- How many services PRT offers and the inclusion of the Tourism aspect with Parks and Rec
 - Sports tourism and e-sports
- Rock Hill's position as a destination is attracting a younger demographic
- Mental health has become more "mainstream"
- The pandemic has turned the focus to things that really matter in families
- The need for structure and support for e-learning and virtual schooling
 - No more "snow days"
- Supporting those who are supporting us – teachers, caregivers, counselors, etc.
- Lack of socialization among students during the pandemic
 - Affecting kids as they return to schooling in new environments they haven't been accustomed to since the pandemic – younger grades especially having never been to a real school building/structure before
- The need for a type of "community welcome packet" to be available for parents, newcomers, students
 - A good way to reach kids and parents about services, resources, programs, and events offered in the community
 - Personal endorsements would carry recommendations further
- The #1 Question web page would be a good way to begin encompassing community resources
 - Having resources in one place will better enable the CCY to fulfill goals and be more prepared to offer comprehensive resources to parents
 - Ideas to be included: Parent Academies, ParentSmart, Rock Hill

Mental Health Hotline, rockhillrocks.com events, YOCO Buzz, Hulafrog, 211, school district programs

- More ideas welcome
- PRT's marketing team will handle webpage updates
- Links will be updated
- Facebook page stays more up-to-date
- #1 Question Committee has continued to meet via Zoom
 - Will be hosting their Mental Health Summit in May
 - Serena Williams is heading up the committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved.

Old Business

Youth Council

- Continued meeting but was unable to have the Luminaries in honor of frontline workers during ChristmasVille in Fountain Park due to rain.
- 40 kids had signed up but are planning for a spring cleanup day to get ready for the Come See Me Festival
 - They are working on recruiting youth organizations such as Great American Clean Up and Rock Hill Clean and Green to assist
- There is greater interest in volunteer projects, especially outdoors, due to COVID and groups not being able to meet as much
- The Youth Council is also planning to assist with a service project at Bark in the Park this summer

Youth Service League Report

- Sign up through school counselors or through Patti
- Planning to start back up this summer after not being able to do much the past 2 years due to the pandemic

ACES & Resilience Task Force Report

- No report

Ambassadors' Meeting Report

- No report

New Business

- The CCY 2021 goals were discussed for planning for 2022
- Recommendation to keep them the same with some minor changes
- 2022 goals listed below

2022 Commission for Children and Youth Goals

1. Continue to seek ways to promote The Number One Question in partnership with the Ambassadors through an online presence to promote community holistic health initiatives.
2. Connect with Community Stakeholders

- Promote interaction between CCY, Youth Council, Youth Service League and Ambassadors.
 - Support and promote PRT and Rock Hill School District events and initiatives.
 - Invite speakers to CCY meetings to inform the commission on the current needs of children and youth in the community.
 - Promote and support York County nonprofit initiatives geared towards the Number One Question goals.
3. Stay in constant support of community health needs related to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Comments

- QR codes for new #1 Question webpage
- Bookmark idea to explain what the #1 Question is to give out to promote the initiative and to point people to the resource page
- Future meeting locations were discussed
 - Move from City Hall to being more accessible at Fewell Park
 - Zoom and/or call-in options

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia Reed