

Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth
Oct. 3, 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, John Sanders, Clair Roberts, Mary Robbins Evans, Erica Smith

Absent: Rick Gist, Sarah Hopkins, Cindy Taubenkimel

Staff: Garnet McKeown and Olivia Reed

CALL TO ORDER 5:36 PM

MINUTES APPROVED

May's minutes were approved, as well as the August and September minutes that were emailed

Old Business

- The August Town Hall Mental Health event went very well and was very informative, well attended and covered many topics
 - SCETV may have the live stream link
 - Commissioner Sarah Hopkins represented CCY very well
 - "Empowering" and eye opening about all that really goes on in mental health crises
 - Encouraging how the City and officials are coming together to discuss these important issues
 - NAMI was highlighted as the "hub of the community" and all it has to offer for mental health
 - Great resources on their website including a spreadsheet with community providers
- Sarah's interns have been working with Rock Hill schools helping with SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) needs and programs
 - Schools have been incorporating SEL and are also very receptive to these needs and programs
- Parent Academies continue and are doing well
- Let's Talk About Feelings is another program coming up (may be connected to the Let's Talk event below). Multiple programs are being held on Thursdays
- Hospice and Community Care's free family series events geared for families and ages 6 and up will be held in October and one in November
- October is Mental Health Month

Youth Council

- Met for the first time this school year in September
- Promoting Youth Council grants
- If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to apply, contact Garnet

- or Patti
- Less returning students and more new students

Youth Service League

- Has been going well this summer with YSL students completing over 2,000 hours
- The annual retreat went very well also

ACES & Resilience Task Force

- No report

Ambassadors' Meeting

- No Report

New Business

- A new event called “Let’s Talk” aimed for mothers of elementary aged children will be held Oct. 27 from 4-7 P.M. at the Sports and Events Center
 - A variety of organizations will attend with community resources and services to provide to parents at the fair. The goal is to promote positivity and offer local support resources for mental health in an accessible manner. Each participant will get a passport to visit a certain number of booths and be entered to win gift cards.
 - Lisa Brown with City of Rock Hill is helping to put this event on
 - Free childcare, dinner and parking are offered
 - REC-in-the-Box will also be there
- A proposed new community linear park with “pocket parks” within is on the horizon for Rock Hill with potential building starting in 2024 or 2025. Community meetings are being held for the public’s input. The proposed park will extend from the American Legion building off Heckle, past Sunset Park school and Arcade Parks A and B to the Municipal Graveyard off White Street across from the Sports and Events Center.

Additional Comments

- CCY had a busy summer with special events/Town Hall meetings in May and August and supporting PRT events
 - Commissioners also supported PRT’s Adidas Showcase in July and kudos were given to PRT’s Cornhole tournament and the ESPN Ocho event
 - Great turnout at PRT’s Senior Expo from vendors to the public and even a T-Rex!
 - Great to see the multi-purpose room at the Sports and Events Center being used for all types of events – seniors, kids, etc.
 - Under Armour Showcase will be coming to Rock Hill
 - Uncommon for a city to get more than one shoe company showcase
 - Lifelong Learners program has been expanding and has 600+ registrations
 - Other adult programs – Early Birds meet for breakfast and the Night Owls for dinner
- Upcoming invites to the holiday dinner and the Boards and Commissions Dinner
- In January/February at the annual retreat, the CCY will re-evaluate our goals for the upcoming year
 - Commissioners encouraged to be thinking about topics of focus or any changes to our goals
 - Mental health has been an important topic and is being given more attention in the wider community. Is there another issue we should shift our focus to now that Mental Health is being worked on in the broader community?

- Schools and teacher shortages have been rising topics of interest lately
- Support for international teachers
- Recruiting and retention for all teachers
- Frozen teacher salaries – need to be rescaled
 - New hires are coming in being higher paid than veteran teachers

Our next meeting will be held in November, then a break for the holidays and reconvene in the new year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Reed