

Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth
January 8, 2024
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, Cindy Taubenkimel, John Sanders, Mary Robbins Evans, Robin Owens, Clair Roberts, Erica Smith

Absent: Sarah Titman

Staff: Garnet McKeown, Patti Panetti

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM - Dinner served and casual conversation

Minutes Approved

Old Business

Youth Council

- 20 active members. Recent projects include placement of luminaries during Deck the Hall to honor first responders. They also served as monitors in the Christmas parade. During the Jan meeting, they will be planning an End The Silence suicide prevention training. 7 grants were given out at the grant presentation meeting in November.

Youth Service League

- Patti plans to schedule a meeting with middle school counselors for recruitment.

Ambassadors

- Jenifer, Patti and Garnet plan to meet with Serena this month.

ACES & Resilience Task Force

- No report

New Business

- A discussion was held of the 2024 goals. The commission members reached a consensus of the following goals:

2024 Goals

1. Continue to seek ways to promote The Number One Question in partnership with the Ambassadors.
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.
- Engage with experts and invite 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 children and families.
- Advocate and educate on social and emotional well-being related to children and youth.

A discussion was held of potential speakers for the upcoming year:

Ms. Joanne Walker - Be S.M.A.R.T. for Kids in South Carolina. Be S.M.A.R.T. (Secure, Model, Ask, Recognize, and Tell) - national organization dedicated to gun safety

Cindy Tomlinson – Family Education Specialist - Family Connections of SC

Miguel Rullan - Housing Program Coordinator - Office of Housing and Community Development

Also suggested were Martha Edwards a retired pediatrician and advocate for children. Heath Sessions – South Carolina State Representative and a representative from Carolina Community Actions.

Additional Comments

- John suggested the possibility of events being held at a park in each ward focusing on children, youth and families.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnet McKeown