



YOUTH COMMISSION MIN

October 23, 2024 at 7:00

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. PRESENTATIONS

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, SUBCOMMITTEES, LIAISONS, AND STAFF

City Staff Liaison Stacey Dempsey provided an update on upcoming city-hosted events where the Youth Commission has the opportunity to volunteer. These events include Hometown Halloween, the Veterans Day Parade, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Deer Park, which will conclude the year's activities. Commissioner Spishock reported attending two PAL Board meetings but noted that there were no significant updates. Commissioner Habon attended the Town Hall meeting and provided an update on the Liberty High School Homecoming Parade. Commissioner Lei participated in the Parks and Recreation meeting, where updates on playgrounds were discussed, though none were directly related to the Youth Commission.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1 [Approve Meeting from September 4, 2024](#)



Moved by: Valentina Barros

Seconded by: Katharina Wallace

Ayes (8) Valentina Barros, Owen Spishock, Hritika Trivedi, Katharina Wallace, Carena Helvey, Rojan Habon, Rachel Lei, and Megan Dowdy

Absent (3) Anirvin Ram Madhan, Chris Bollinger, and Alana Osivwemu

Motion Approved (8 to 0)

F.2 [Accept Fiscal Status of the year 2024/2025 Budget Year](#)



G. BUSINESS ITEMS

G.1 [ACTION: Discuss and Approve Youth Friendly Business for the Month of October \(M. Dowdy\)](#)



The Youth Commission has selected John's Ice Cream as the Youth Friendly Business for the month of October.

Moved by: Rojan Habon

Seconded by: Megan Dowdy

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Youth Friendly Businesses will nominate a business for the month of October. Recommended that the Ad Hoc committee nominate a business with a youth friendly atmosphere.

Motion Approved

G.2 [ACTION: Discuss and Approve an Ad Hoc committee for the Holiday Craft Night \(V. Barros\)](#) 

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed, with Youth Commissioner Barros appointed as Chair, and Commissioners Trivedi, Helvey, Habon, and Wallace serving as members. All commissioners expressed their enthusiasm for the event, reflecting on last year's success and excitement for this year. The committee has agreed upon a budget of \$1,000 to cover decorations, supplies, and dinner for the volunteers. The event has been scheduled for December 21, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and will take place at the Brentwood Senior Center.

Moved by: Valentina Barros

Seconded by: Katharina Wallace

It is recommended that the Youth Commission discuss and approve the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee dedicated to organizing the Holiday Craft Night. Additionally, the Commission should approve the event date of December 21, 2024, the location at the Senior Center, and the proposed budget.

Motion Approved

G.3 [ACTION: Discuss and Approve Participation in the Holiday Tree Lighting \(O. Spishock\)](#) 

The Youth Commission has approved volunteering at the Holiday Tree Lighting event on November 30, 2024. During the event, the Youth Commission will assist by distributing hot cocoa to attendees. As of the October 23, 2024 meeting, Commissioners Trivedi, Spishock, Lei, and Helvey are available to volunteer for the entire evening, with Commissioners Dowdy and Habon able to join later in the event. City Staff Liaison Stacey Dempsey also recommended reaching out to local youth to assist as volunteers and earn community service hours.

Moved by: Owen Spishock

Seconded by: Hritika Trivedi

The Youth Commission will discuss their participation in the upcoming tree lighting event on November 30, 2024. As part of their involvement, the Youth Commission will be responsible for distributing hot cocoa to attendees.

Motion Approved

G.4 [UPDATE: Update from the Liberty Homecoming Parade on September 13, 2023 \(V. Barros\)](#) 

The Youth Commissioners had a positive experience participating in the Liberty Homecoming Parade. They appreciated the decorations and enjoyed the opportunity to ride in the parade. Commissioner Dowdy particularly valued the chance to connect with fellow Commissioners outside of the formal Youth Commission meetings. The event was further enhanced by the Liberty High School football team's victory, adding to the overall excitement of the day.

The Youth Commission will provide a detailed update on the Liberty Homecoming Parade, including their participation, key highlights, and any feedback or lessons learned from the event. This will offer an opportunity to reflect on the Commission's involvement and discuss potential improvements for future events.

G.5 [UPDATE: Update and review details for the upcoming Hometown Halloween Event \(O. Spishock\)](#) 


The Commissioners provided an update on the upcoming Hometown Halloween event, reviewing the costume themes for each participant. Commissioner Dowdy will represent Embarrassment, Lei as Sadness, Spishock as Fear, Trivedi as Joy, Habon as Nostalgia, Helvey as Disgust, Madhan as Anger, and Osivwemu as Envy. Additionally, the Commissioners had the opportunity to preview the control board created for their booth, which they found highly impressive. Special recognition was given to Diva for her work in designing and creating the control board.

It is recommended that the Youth Commission thoroughly update and review all relevant details for the upcoming Hometown Halloween event. This should include finalizing logistics, confirming participation, planning the booth setup, and ensuring that all promotional materials and activities are well-prepared in advance.

G.6 [UPDATE: Discuss any new updates for the Corn hole Tournament \(O. Spishock\)](#) 

Commissioner Spishock requested that this item be tabled, as there are no new updates to report at this time.

The Youth Commission will share any new updates on the Corn hole Tournament and discuss the budget. This will include going over expected costs and financial plans to ensure the event runs smoothly.

G.7 [REVIEW: Reviewing fundraising events for the Youth Commission Scholarship and any event details for new fundraisers proposed by the Commission \(K. Wallace\)](#) 

The Youth Commissioners confirmed their satisfaction with the upcoming events previously discussed. It was requested that this item be revisited in future meetings, should additional fundraising opportunities arise. It was also suggested to bring this back as a future Action Item. Additionally, it was noted that the proceeds from last year's pool party will be allocated to this year's scholarship fund.

The Youth Commission should continue exploring and pursuing new fundraising opportunities, such as restaurant-sponsored events, to maintain a sufficient balance in the scholarship account. Commissioners will present their research on fundraising options, including potential dates, for discussion and approval.

G.8 [UPDATE: Partnership with the Youth Commission and High School Leadership. \(C. Helvey\)](#) 

Commissioner Helvey proposed exploring potential collaboration opportunities between the Youth Commission and High School Leadership. One suggestion raised was a joint leadership retreat. However, City Staff Liaison Stacey Dempsey recommended starting with a more introductory approach, such as inviting high school and middle school leadership groups to attend a Youth Commission meeting. This would provide an opportunity for them to offer feedback during the public comment period. It was also requested that this item be added to the agenda for the next Youth Commission meeting for further discussion.

The Youth Commission will discuss the specifics of the partnership between the Youth Commission and the high school leadership teams. This discussion will include objectives, roles, and collaborative opportunities for both groups.

H. [REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS](#)

H.1 [NEW REQUEST\(S\)](#)

H.2 [REQUESTED ITEM\(S\)](#)

I. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Moved by: Carena Helvey

Seconded by: Valentina Barros

Ayes (8) Valentina Barros, Owen Spishock, Hritika Trivedi, Katharina Wallace, Carena Helvey, Rojan Habon, Rachel Lei, and Megan Dowdy

Absent
(3) Anirvin Ram Madhan, Chris Bollinger, and Alana Osivwemu

Motion Approved (8 to 0)