

Windsor Youth Commission

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom instructions

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1. Call to order: Bruce McCormick called to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - In attendance: were Bruce McCormick, Sarah Maffiolini, Beverly Gayle, Alex Remy, Robert Gange, Kruti Dharsandiya, Shanee Ransom, and Melissa Richards.
2. Chairperson's remarks – Bruce welcomes remarks
3. Approve January 2022 meeting minutes – Beverly Gayle motioned to approve, and Melissa Richards seconded the approval.
4. Updates on commission members, vacancies, and recruitment: There are 4 vacancies, and the Y.C is currently accepting new applications.
5. L.P.C. report: Y.S.B. receives the Local Prevention Grant to provide education on prevention awareness for youth. The Y.S.B. conducted a school survey in 2017 and was due for a survey in 2021, but due to Covid, it was postponed until 2022. However, the B.O.E. has decided to run the survey at this time. \$6,600 left in the grant that needs to be spent by June 30, 2022. Sarah is researching ways to spend these funds.
6. Public comment: No public comment
7. New business:
 - a) Community service opportunities for teens: Sarah is looking for new community service opportunities for teens. High School students need 20 plus hours for graduation.
 - b) Fentanyl: Fueling the Crisis Presentation: Fentanyl: Fueling the Crisis is an engaging look into how this synthetic drug impacts the overdose epidemic in our state, country, and across the globe. This presentation will cover what you need to know about fentanyl and synthetic opioids, from the dangers to the availability. Participants will sort myths from facts, learn about current trends, and how to arm themselves with the latest information. The program is virtual and will be hosted on March 29 at 6:30 p.m.
8. Old business –
 - a) Annual Teen Summit Alex & Sarah: The 2022 Teen Summit consists of two days of workshops and presentations about mental health, money management, and life in college. Raffle prizes and take-home lunches will be provided. The Windsor Youth Commission proudly

presents this event in partnership with Youth Services Bureau and Public Library. Bruce McCormick is the Keynote Speaker. Currently, there are 28 out of 35 spots filled.

9. Standing Committee Reports –

- a) Police Department: N/A
- b) Recreation Services: Heart Your Park will kick off on April 1, encouraging residents to visit our parks to solve a number puzzle to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Summer Fun Camp Registration is underway for the Summer 2022 season. Friday, April 1, is Teen Fun Friday Night at 330 Windsor Ave. for teens to enjoy fun, friends, music, pizza, and more.
- c) Windsor Public Schools: N/A
- d) Board of Education: N/A
- e) Library Services: A new Teen Librarian was hired and is currently in the process of being onboarded. The children's library is now running Toddler Time.
- f) Youth Services: S.T.E.P. Summer Teen Employment Program is currently accepting applications for the Summer of 2022. Students entering grades 9, 10, or 11th in the Fall of 2022 are welcome to apply. Participants will receive a stipend of \$135 a week for 7 weeks.
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Y.S.B. will be participating in Pinwheels for Prevention. This is an awareness campaign presented by the Y.S.B. and Social Services to show our commitment to the safety of the children in Windsor.
- g) Youth Liaison: S.A.T.'s will be held on March 23, 2022. Senior Prom is scheduled for June 4, and the Junior Prom is scheduled for May 14. W.H.S. graduation will be in June (date T.B.D.) and held in person at the Bushnell.

10. Adjournment: Bob Gange called for Adjournment at 6:58 p.m., and Shanee Ransom seconded this motion.