Youth Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2024

5pm-6pm, GOB Room 306

Present
James Hesen
Sophia Oberton
Emily Zerrenner
Alicia Miller
Ricky Pollitt
Thashana McKinney
Kenisha Le’Cole
David Thompson
Tamyra Foreman
Siddharth Ghosh
Briana Curtis
Amber Green
Logan Dillon- City of Salisbury Liaison
Zoom
Naryah Miles
Amy Steward
Cheryl Walker
Tineka Harmon

Opening:

* Logan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She distributed copies of the meeting agenda to the Chair and Vice-Chair
* Logan gave updates on last week’s questions
* Logan turned over the meeting to Chair and Vice-Chair to lead

Open Discussion:

* Ricky motioned to approve January minutes; Sophia second the motion
	+ All in favor
* Ricky motioned to approve February minutes; Alicia second the motion
* All in favor
* Sophia motioned to approve March minutes; Emily seconded
	+ All in favor
* Everyone shared about their past few weeks
	+ Ricky- Junior Achievement 18 over 18 programs
	+ Alicia- Still looking for LGBTQ+ mentors; she will send out a flyer
	+ Kenisha- Looking for sign-ups for Employees against discrimination event; Fenix youth project event
	+ Mental Health BBQ at Beaver Run; Wednesday May 1st, 2024
	+ Sidd- Tree Planting at Truitt Community Center 9am-4pm; speeches from local representatives
	+ Briana- Church April 28th at 3pm
	+ Dr. Walker- Event for youth aviation; Ages 8-16; Yes we can event; working on flyer and will send out to the group
	+ Tineka- starting youth advisory board for NACCP; education and advocacy; in agriculture summer youth employment
* Briana discussed what happened in the previous meeting
	+ Youth activities catalog- catalog for youth activities and events
	+ Alicia put it in a google form for everyone
	+ Plan is to publish to the city website for access to all
	+ Alicia motioned to send out the catalog to community members; Ricky and Sophia seconded the motion
		- All are in favor
* Dr. Amy- community member that has a shared calendar with community event
* Amber- Youth Master Plan- addresses issues we want to work on and deadlines for having things done
	+ Other munis. Conducted a survey on community assessments to determine what is on the master plan. Programs are highlighted and promoted.
	+ EX. Baltimore
	+ Makes sense for a city-wide youth master plan
* Alicia question on how we enforce the YMP
* Amber said we need to research and send it for appointment to the Mayor or recommend to the Mayor and let them know what YDAC is doing
	+ Contact city council representative: Angela Blake
* Ricky asked if we could request a new city council representative
	+ Ricky is able to contact De’Shaun to move forward with that
* Briana went over the first steps of the Youth Master Plan; members were given handouts or accessed it via email
* Alicia asked to divide it based on members who specialize in certain topics
	+ Briana said it was fine, but we will need to collect information first so we can come back to that at the May meeting
	+ Amber suggested we establish a task force that meets prior to the next meeting
		- Amber motioned to vote on the task force
		- James second the motion
		- All in favor
	+ Wicomico Local management board and each school has plans of improvements and assessments based on parents and students
		- Barrier- 2021-2022 assessment so information is not up to date
		- Task force will research these assessments and bring back digestible information to the committee at the next meeting in May
		- Youth programming needs- WLMB: ask them to send over that assessment for City of Salisbury/Wicomico County
		- Alicia- can find some of the information through her job with the health department for behavioral health
		- Alicia mentioned doing focus groups to find more annac. Information
		- Amber- doing a successful community assessment is hard and comes with an expense. Questioned how we are going to establish and envision. Wanting to recruit youth members
		- Emily- academic librarian so she will take a pass through
	+ Next step is determining who is on the task force which can be interchanged in the future depending in expertise
		- Emily Zerrenner
		- Alicia Miller
		- James Hesen
		- Amber Green- DJS and youth homelessness
	+ Date for task force to meet: May 8th, 2024 @ 5:00pm virtual
	+ Timelines- need to consider members term limits
* Youth Activities Catalog
	+ Briana wants to do a promotion and events task force
		- Responsible for actively exploring events and programming in the community
		- Ricky suggested we appoint one person to be the “community outreach” person
		- Amber agreed we don’t need a task force, but we should make time for discussing community events
		- Sophia said she would like to take on the task
		- All second and all are in favor
* Tamika Harmon- correct email has been received from Briana
* Amber- Care not Cages rally- vetoing the fox 45 bill in Annapolis @ 6pm
	+ Justice Youth Coalition

**Closing:**

**Motion to close the meeting**

**Next meeting: May 15th, 2024**