**Youth Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 18th, 2024**

**5pm-6pm, GOB Room 306**

**Present**
Emily Zerrenner
Briana Curtis-Chair
David Thompson
Alicia Miller
Kenisha Le’Cole
Logan Dillon- City of Salisbury Liaison
**Zoom**
Thashana McKinney
Sophia Oberton
Naryah Miles
Tamyra Foreman
**Other**:
Debra Reynolds
Nick Voitiuc

**Welcome/Opening:**

* Logan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
* Logan turned the meeting over to the Chair, Briana Curtis, to lead
* While waiting for other members, Briana asked if anyone wants to be nominated or any ideas of who we should nominate
* Briana would like to give Vice-Chair the responsibility of contacting the members prior to the meetings
	+ Alicia would like to nominate herself for Vice-Chair

Open Discussion:

* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10foLdoZgutq5TPfj7b-H32HCsNGSd_1HYU0_jwfSKPE/edit>
* Group began our brainstorm activity for the YMP priority areas- The 4 priority areas include:
	+ Community Outreach
	+ Stakeholder Engagement
		- More feedback to city staff
		- Recruiting high school students
	+ Safe Havens for Youth
		- Utilizing community centers
		- AmeriCorps Members
		- Partner with organizations for community service hours
		- Lengthen hours for community centers staff to be open later
	+ Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
		- Translation
			* Translation of the City website
		- Job fair for Haitian/Spanish speaking
		- Partner with PFLAG
* Kenisha- we need to overall find more areas for youth to be at where they can do more activities they are interested in
	+ We can get volunteers to hand out flyers in different languages to get more of the community involved
* Sophia- it would be beneficial for to have a Haitian member to give more insight
	+ We could benefit by representing the groups we are trying to reach within YDAC
	+ We need to think realistically until we can actually help further-Families can carpool, etc.
* Alicia- under each strategy we can list
	+ 1) What can we as a committee
	+ 2) What can we suggest that the city does
* Alicia- we need to do targeted recruitment for YDAC
* Shore Get Connected- through United Way
	+ Great for students in school
	+ They can get certificates
		- They can post events
		- If they need volunteers
* Nick Director of Infrastructure and Development-noted the city is doing a comprehensive plan that is supposed to be published in the next couple of months
	+ This could be an avenue for putting forth our major things we want to get out there
* Alicia motioned to approve August’s minutes
	+ Members seconded
* Alicia motioned to approve the Youth Master Plan 4 Priority categories
	+ Members seconded
* Sophia suggested members bring someone to the next meeting who is not a member to get more community /public engagement since YDAC meetings are meant for the public

**Closing Remarks:**

* **Things to discuss next meeting:**
	+ **Youth Master Plan**
	+ **Ideas for community centers**

**Alicia motioned to close the meeting at 6:00pm
Briana Seconded**

**Next Meeting: October 16th, 2024**