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City of Newton Youth Commission December 13, 2023 6:30pm Newton Free Library

#### **Attendance:**

Rhiannon Esposito, Zack Gusenoff, Andrew Feinberg, Armine Freeman, Emma Zhang, Grace Cai, Hana Futai, Kenneth Tsay, Matthew Wrigley, Nick Makura, Ryn Leffler, Sarina Chand, Phoebe Anthony, Georgia Finkelstein, Gassia Minassian, Chloe Lee, Aanika Mohta, Eitan Leshem, Pete Olhava, Dhruv Lal, Cindy Qiao, Joya Tendulkar, Ava Qui, Nina Smy, Simba Makura, Christian Chau, Amanda Feiner, Jenna Bancroft

## Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

### **Youth Services & Commission Updates**

- The Newton Youth Services Division will welcome a new Assistant Director of Youth Services on January 2, 2024. She will be present at the next Youth Commission meeting.
- Subcommittee sign-ups were sent out and commission members should sign up for 1-2 groups they are interested in. Commissioners are required to join a subcommittee, but it is optional for all other members.
- Commissioners were officially appointed on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!
- Reminder: Commission Members can share updates and topics for upcoming meetings with Jenna. These
  should be emailed no later than 5pm on the Friday before the meeting so the topics can be included in the
  agenda.

#### Guest Speakers: Phoebe Anthony & Ella Viti, Newton South students

- Presented a workshop from One Love, a national non-profit with the goal of ending relationship abuse.
- Information shared:
  - o 10 Signs of Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships
  - Video Recording and Discussion
  - o Resource Review: Get Help (One Love) & Newton Youth Services
- Commission Members were asked to share feedback on the workshop and presentation and consider what this workshop could look like as a community event.

# Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm at Newton Free Library.