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## City of Newton Youth Commission Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024, 7:30-8:00pm via Zoom

## Attendance:

Meri Haas, Rhiannon Esposito, Chloe Lee, Nick Makura, Spencer Solcoff, Sarina Chand, Zach Gusenoff, Emma Zhang, Phoebe Anthony

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:30pm
- 2. Attendance Taken
- 3. Review & Recap Last Commissioner Meeting
  - a. At the last Youth Commission meeting Commissioners requested to get more involved with the city government and potentially interface more directly with the City Council.
  - b. Meri Haas, Newton's Assistant Director of Youth and Young Adult Services, began to explore the different ways in which Youth Commissioners could get more involved with the City of Newton government. She came across the city ordinances that govern the Youth Commission. She recommends that the commissioners spend some time reviewing the ordinances. Commissioners decided to move forward with this objective.
  - c. Commissioners received an email prior to this meeting with the ordinances attached.
- 4. Discuss & Vote on New Commissioner Meeting Schedule
  - a. Commissioners voted unanimously to hold Youth Commission meetings via Zoom every other Monday moving forward.

## 5. Discuss Next Steps

a. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to continue to discuss the Youth Commission ordinances in detail at the next meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Scheduled next Commission meeting

a. Next Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:00pm via Zoom.