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City of Newton, Youth Commission November 10, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance/Introductions:

Spencer Solcoff, Arman Tendulkar, Zack Gusenoff, Nolan Anthony, Shivani Gulati, Allie Guo, Audrey Wei, Preethika Vemula, Nicole Tarasenko, Ava Freeman, Rachel Alpert-Wisnia, Leo Liu, Shiv Sawhney, Ethan Situ, Ethan Dhadly, Jessie Traxler, Lily Siegelman, Kassra Ehsan, Sydney Finkelstein, Shayan Bukhtyari, Maya Garg, Meghan Murtagh, Kathy Shields & Dr. Ibokette.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m., followed by brief introductions.

Dr. Ibokotte, Etinan Children's Scholarship Foundation, INC:

- Dr. Ibokette shared an overview of the foundation and the work that has been done in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.
 - He shared with the YC ways to get involved with the foundation:
 - Working with Newton North, Civic Engagement Center
 - YC led fundraising efforts
 - YC led event, collection of supplies etc.
- Please see document below for additional information:
 - o https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pa qva6JNtIjBqjcqmyNCKbf38oZcdIZ/view?usp=sharing

Other Business:

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Review findings from 10/13 brainstorm activity

- Those in attendance were asked to work in 4 teams to review the 10.13.2021 Brainstorm Activity sheet and answer the following questions:
 - The 10.13.2021 Brainstorm Activity sheet can be found here: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RZtrVgLmKbQL4J6V5gKuUAMjzyNX6QbZW9ioyYPpCT0/edit</u> <u>?usp=sharing</u>
 - Begin grouping similar items in different buckets
 - Give each bucket a heading/name/title (try to keep them to 3 to 4 buckets)
 - Do you think these buckets could be the start of subcommittees?
 - If so, how often do you feel these committees should meet, in addition to our once-a-month meetings?
 - Should these meetings meet in person or via Zoom?
 - Should subcommittees report out at each monthly meeting?
- Teams were asked to share out their discussion with the larger group.
 - Discussion items/share out can be found here: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AoeiRxx9WXon9QQct052DIoUwpUxfD63I8eEnLyNumo/edit?us</u> <u>p=sharing</u>
- The following Subcommittees were selected and will need to be approved by a vote at the 12.8.2021 meeting.
 - Subcommittees can be found here: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/170H9QEXj8ItFohQFSJSAR1giPLsleaJuZdliw4uxuik/edit?usp=sha</u> <u>ring</u>

Announcements & Agenda for 12/8/2021 Meeting

- 5 YC Advisory members have been appointed by the Mayor to fill open Commissioner positions, with final approval of City Council happening in the coming weeks.
- E.S will take over as secretary and note taker on 12/8/2021

Next meeting; Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m., Newton Free Library.

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.