

**City of Newton, Youth Commission, Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, April 13 2022 - 6:30 p.m.
Newton Free Library**

Agenda Item I - Attendance/Introductions:

Audrey Wei, Preethika Vemula, Arman Tendulkar, Nolan Anthony, Spencer Solcoff, Ethan Dhadly, Shiv Sawhney, Rachel Alpert-Wisnia, Leo Liu, Nicole Tarasenko, Mia Chu, Jessie Traxler, Allie Guo, Ryan Choa & Meghan Murtagh.

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

Agenda Item II– Acceptance of minutes:

Commissioner, R.A.W moved to accept the March meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner, P.V, all in attendance unanimously accepted. (5 - 0 - 4 absent)

Agenda Item III – Commissioner Updates:

a. May 14, Family FUNfest

- i. Newton Cultural Development is hosting a “Family FunFEST,” on Saturday, May 14. They have invited the Youth Commission to set up a booth as part of the invite. Commissioners and Advisory Board members are encouraged to consider this event as an opportunity to outreach and support community events.
- ii. MM to follow up with Newton Cultural Development to ask questions regarding; day and length of event, if activity is needed, and if tables and chairs are provided.

b. 2022-2023 Youth Commission, Commissioner & Advisory Board Applications

- i. The 2022-2023 Youth Commission, Commissioner & Advisory Board member applications will be available after the May meeting.
- ii. There will be 6 Commissioners seats open. Interested candidates must complete an application, submit a statement of purpose, and participate in an interview. Interested candidates must have been an advisory board member for a minimum of one year, have good meeting attendance and engagement in subcommittee work to be eligible to apply.

c. City Seal Project

- i. The City of Newton, has created a working group to update/redesign the City Seal. E.D spoke with City Councilor Lipof, after our March meeting about the project and how Y.C can get involved and take on some aspects of the work.
- ii. The Y.C unanimously felt that this project was a perfect fit and asked E.D to be the point person for any updates and next steps.

d. June meeting date

- i. The June meeting date is the same night at Newton North’s graduation. We discussed moving the meeting to Monday, June 6.

Agenda Item IV - Subcommittee Updates:

a. Communications Subcommittee:

- i. Communications subcommittee shared and reviewed the April newsletter content with the Commissioners and Advisory Board members.
- ii. P.V moved to accept the April Newsletter content, R.A.W seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. (5 - 0 - 4 absent)
- iii. Members created a poster encouraging youth to subscribe to the newsletter via QR code.

b. Mental Health subcommittee

- i. The subcommittee has brought back the Instagram mental health campaign.
- ii. Poster Contest for Mental Health Awareness month
- iii. Mental Health Events at North & South, on a Friday during WIN
- iv. Planning meeting date, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Community Engagement Subcommittee

- i. The subcommittee is creating an FAQ based on feedback they received from a short Instagram survey. The FAQ will address COVID related questions and concerns.
- ii. Please complete the Doodle Poll to determine the May & June meeting.

d. Guest speaker committee

- a. Dana Bennett from Newton Public Schools and Ruth Hoshino, Director of School Health Services, will be speaking on May 11.

Meeting adjourned: 7:32 pm