

Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth

March 5, 2018

City Hall, Room 373

5:30 PM

The Commission serves to enhance and promote the positive development of all children and youth through comprehensive collaborative action. The Commission will utilize all of the community's resources, public and private agencies, businesses, church and civic organizations, to promote the health, safety, education and social well-being of all children and youth.

MINUTES

Present: Sara Blancke, Clair Britt, Jenifer Crawford, Queenie Hall, John Sanders, Mary Robbins Evans, Cindy Hunt

Absent: Randy Deas, Duane Neff,

Staff: Garnet McKeown, Kelly Nivens

CALL TO ORDER 5:37 pm

Staff Highlight

- Haley Zuehlke – Sports Programmer - Haley is a 2016 Winthrop Graduate, from Aiken SC. Her passion is softball, which she played in college. She visited Rock Hill consistently when she was younger competing in softball tournaments. Haley is the softball programmer for youth and adult leagues located at Cherry Park. The youth program has doubled in the time she has been here, mainly because of the demand for more sports throughout the year. This league serves the York County Area which includes Rock Hill, York, Clover, Fort Mill, and Tega Cay. The younger ages are listed as 8-U, 10-U, and 12-U. Each city is responsible for their own teams. The greatest expense is the umpires for the games and tournaments. There is an A-U team, which is an all-girls program. Softball for the adults consists of teams for men and co-ed players.
- Haley enjoys her involvement in the sports arena. She is involved with many other PRT activities such as the food trucks, River Walk area, and most recently, The Daddy Daughter Dance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Commission received minutes for January and February 2018- All minutes approved.

Old Business

Youth Council Report

- **Annual Youth Service Day- Be a Saint for a Day! Kick off starts at 12:00, Noon on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the open shelter in Cherry Park.**
This is open to area school clubs, scout troops, church youth groups, or ANY group of teens who want to make a difference in Rock Hill!
Schedule: 12:00 – 12:30: Kick Off Celebration with music, free pizza, drinks & t-shirts.
12:45-1:00 - Speaker/group picture.
1:00 – 4:00: Travel to sites-- Work, work, work, clean up-- job well done!
Each group is asked to plan their own project and have an Adult Advisor present.
Garnet McKeown is working with the 4th & 5th grade Beta Club from Ebinport Elementary.

Youth Council Members will take water to groups serving throughout the day. CCY members are all invited to attend the event and support the youth. There is a need for help in the beginning with distribution of food, drinks, and t-shirts. Mary Evans agreed to assist 12-1pm.

Ambassador Report

- The CCY and #1 Question Ambassadors will host the first community screening of the movie Resilience. There is a need for CCY greeters and facilitators, who can help in any way.
- Kelly Pew will meet the producer, a retired Harvard Professor, presently residing in Charlotte, NC. He will share his research/knowledge about ACES at the event. There will be a panel discussion regarding, "how we see ACES play out in our community".
- There is conversation to select a panel of business persons, who will promote the awareness of ACES for our community.
- Dr. Martha Edwards is presently leading discussion for peaceful classrooms with a group of teachers in her home.

New Business

- EITC posters distributed throughout local sites. Sara and Patti plan to feature information on Straight Talk, CN2, and Palmetto Mornings.
- Include EITC posters on City Of Rock Hill website and Face Book page.
- Family Trust offers financial management classes and will open savings accounts with just \$5. This encourages patrons to spend their money more intentionally.
- Sara sent information to Mychal Frost with Rock Hill Schools regarding EITC.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- New commission members need tournament passes. Patti/Garnet will provide these.
- PRT Volunteer Dinner- Tuesday Evening at 6 PM, March 13, 2018 at McBryde Hall, Winthrop. Commission is invited. Email Garnet if you can attend.
- The Bold Youth Conference- Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Emmett Scott Center. This event starts at 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. There will be 500 youth/advisors for lunch, t-shirts, and breakout sessions. "The B.O.L.D Youth Conference is created to motivate and empower youth to boldly face fears of rejection, shame, guilt and any other issue that would prevent them from walking in true freedom."
- PRT hosting the Carolina Nationals Cycling Event Friday, March 23-25, 2018.
- HulaPalooza- Saturday, April 7, 2018 at St. Johns United Methodist Church. Begins 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Bouncy obstacle course and hula hoop contest, plus.
- Next meeting- April 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM.
- PRT-Area 11 Special Olympics Games- Friday, April 13, 2018 at Manchester Meadows. Begins at 10:00 AM -1:30 PM. 1300 participants and athletes from York, Chester, and Lancaster Counties. Volunteers will be shuttling buses between 1st Baptist and Manchester Meadows.
- Rock Hill Reads Program- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Noon. Mayor John Gettys is continuing this program.
- Connect the Dots Resource Fair- Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 AM- 1 PM at 745 Saluda Street RHSC, Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center. Sponsored by United Way of York County and Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed. This is a free event focusing on job readiness, childcare, affordable housing, public transportation, and mental health care.
- Knowledge Park- Sara Blancke and Mary Evans attended the Knowledge Park meeting.
- Rec in a Box Update- Garnet stated that the wrap is finished and will be installed on the truck. A date will be scheduled for the Kick-Off in April/Early May. There will be activities, speaker and the revealing. John Taylor would like for it to leave from City Hall. The idea was

suggested to have the truck in the Come See Me parade. And, if possible, have the truck seen at additional Come See Me events.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Nivens