

WEST HARTFORD MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



1. Call to Order

Staff liaison Kari Karp called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:02 p.m. Present, via Town of West Hartford WebEx, were Council members Reese Berigan, Daphne Brewer, Grace Furia, Jack Gold, Tziyona Goldfischer, Sarah Granquist, Kikoh Mordukai, Maya Palanki, Kris Rimal, Priya Sinha, and Zaara Shazad.

Guests: Mayor Shari Cantor, Carol Waxman, Interim Library Director, Donald Reder, West Hartford Community Member

2. Presentations

- a. Mayor Shari Cantor welcomed the group at their inaugural meeting.
- b. Donald Reder, President of the 2nd West Hartford Youth Council, discussed founding the group in the 1960's. At the time, he requested and was approved \$3,000 from the West Hartford Town Council to offer summer dances for teens.

3. New Business

- a. Robert's Rules of Order
 - i. Kari Karp gave a presentation to review Robert's Rules of Order and procedural rules for town meetings (Canva). There were no questions regarding this.
- b. Subcommittees and Impact Projects
 - i. Kari Karp explained that the Mayor's Youth Council will function by means of subcommittees and impact projects. There will likely be two subgroups focusing on the topics of diversity, mental health, recreation and/or homelessness and housing.

- c. Elections
 - i. A request was made for those Council members who are interested in being candidates for officer positions: Chair: Grace, Zaara, Co-Chair: Maya, Tziyona, Jack, and Secretary: Sarah, Daphne.
 - ii. Presentations will be held on October 18 in which candidates will make a speech as to why they wish to assume a role as an officer in the Council.
 - iii. Elections will follow and candidates will be chosen as Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary.
- d. Members Comments
 - i. Working meetings on a separate date from monthly meetings are beneficial for committees to work together.
 - ii. Slack is a tool that can be used to facilitate communication.

4. Announcements

- a. Action Items
 - i. Candidates will prepare an election speech.
 - ii. Members will come prepared with one idea and one possible community group already in place to collaborate with.
 - iii. Members will come prepared to do an ice breaker / introduction activity.
 - iv. Members who have not as yet, will submit a media consent form.
 - v. Members will identify action items to be accomplished this year.
 - vi. Members can hold work meetings separate from monthly Mayor's Youth Council meetings in order to accomplish action items in sub-groups.
- A. Bin Items
 - i. Any Council member can add an item to a future agenda providing that it is submitted one week prior to the monthly meeting date.
 - ii. Bin items may also be mentioned during the Announcement portion of meetings.

5. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:00-7:00 p.m. Noah Webster Library Board Room (Elections), Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in WebEx