

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**  
**Mayor's Youth Council Virtual Meeting 6:00 PM in WebEx**



**Members of the public may view the meeting on West Hartford Community  
Interactive YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAbXAx0bnCk>

**1. Meeting Opening**

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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 Grace Furia, Jack Gold, Sarah Granquist, Kikoh Mordukai, Kris Rimal, and Priya Sinha. Guests: Carol Waxman, West Hartford Libraries Interim Director.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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**a. Amendments**

- i. Mrs. Karp: In Section 5 under Announcements part C, West Hartford Climate Projects should be changed to West Hartford Climate Project.
- ii. No more corrections were made so the minutes stand approved.

**3. Subcommittee Reports**

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**A. Mental Health Action and Awareness Committee**

- i. Shared updates about progress made since last meeting. The group discussed previous ideas including an all-ages mental health night and a teen mental health group. Members are working on contacting the Bridge Family Center as a possible community partnership. Mrs. Karp asked to be notified of the next subcommittee meeting date so that she can join and share the names of two mental health professionals interested in helping with impact projects.

**B. Teen Social Events Committee**

- i. This group has not met yet.

### **C. International Night / Diversity Night Committee**

- i. Shared their progress on planning details for the Diversity/International Night event. The group discussed the types of foods and activities they would like to offer. A culture club at Kingswood Oxford may be able to perform a dance, and the subcommittee is currently working on locating a guest speaker.
- ii. Due to COVID-19, this program may need to be outdoors or smaller in attendance than previously envisioned.
- iii. Mrs. Karp mentioned the idea for a tiny art show project, an event that has taken place at many libraries across the country in 2021. Community members would be given tiny art kits and instructed to create a piece of art relating to diversity. Painters would deliver their canvases back to the library for judging. The contest would take place in late winter or spring, and paintings would be displayed in May or June in celebration of Asian American Heritage Month, Pride Month, and Juneteenth.

### **D. Social Media Committee**

- i. Member comments: Suggested creating a separate chat for their subcommittee to share ideas and communicate.
- ii. The Social Media Committee will brainstorm ideas for a tag (@) for the MYC instagram account.

## **4. Old Business**

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### **A. MYC Webpage**

- i. A webpage for the Mayor's Youth Council is being created. The site will serve as a place for West Hartford teens to find information on the Mayor's Youth Council and resources on issues affecting youth.
- ii. Mrs. Karp presented a mockup of a webpage with (1) MYC logo, (2) mission and purpose, (3) board member names, (4) application, (5) photo contest, (6) and photos. Other potential features are: (1) suggestion box, (2) surveys, (3) contact email, (4) calendar of town board and commission meetings, (5) teen resources (ex. voter registration), (6) community partnership news, (7) minutes and agendas, and (8) subcommittee updates.
- iii. A MYC email account must be created in order to make an Instagram account.

### **B. MYC Logo Contest**

- i. Details of the contest should be finalized soon so that a new logo will be in place before MYC 2022-2023 applications become available in April.
- ii. The contest will start in February, and winners will be announced in March.
- iii. The West Hartford Libraries have professional graphic artists who are able to assist in creating guidelines for the logo contest (ex. size, format, colors, incentives).
- iv. The grand prize may include a gift card or a donation to a charity in the winner's name.
- v. The Social Media Committee will present a flyer design at the January 18 MYC meeting. Flyers will be distributed to the schools and visual arts teachers will be notified about the contest via email.

## **5. Announcements**

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### **A. School Reports**

- i. Mrs. Karp shared an idea gathered from youth councils in other towns. Every meeting, a council member representing each high school will provide news of one or two significant things happening at their school.
- ii. Kris Rimal, representing Conard, shared that the school's administration is considering changing Conard's mascot and logos from the Chieftains. This matter will be considered sometime after winter break.

## **6. Adjournment**

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### **A. Adjourn**

- i. Motion to adjourn was made by Grace Furia, Jack Gold seconded.
- ii. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- iii. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall Room 312