

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**  
**Mayor's Youth Council Meeting 6:00 PM in Town Hall Room 407**



**1. Meeting Opening**

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- A. Staff liaison Kari Karp called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:02PM. Present were Council members Reese Berigan, Daphne Brewer, Tess Chapman, Kushal Gaudi, Jack Gold, Tziyona Goldfischer, Sarah Granquist, Oliver Hartmann, Kikoh Mordukai, Mohan Palanki, Evan Piccioli, Ailani Roach, Jeffry Rosborg, Kris Rimal, Zaara Shahzad, Priya Shinde, Priya Sinha, and Caitlin Striff-Cave. Guests: Carol Waxman, West Hartford Libraries Head of Children's Department.

**2. New Business**

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- A. Old and new members introduced themselves.
- B. Meeting structure, including Robert's Rules of Order and agendas, was discussed.
- C. The group reviewed Mayor's Youth Council's 2021-2022 accomplishments, including: (1) the Declaration of Human Rights video, (2) Vigil for Democracy speech, (3) Dinah Road street renaming project, (4) Celebrate Diversity concert, (5) Mental Health Month podcast, (6) West Hartford Immigrant Teens (WHIT), (7) student logo design contest, and (8) various newspaper articles.
- D. 2022-2023 impact projects / subcommittees were announced and members selected various groups they would like to work with.
- i. Impact projects will be led by community organizations and the Mayor's Youth Council will assist by planning, facilitating, and publicizing these events.
- ii. Subcommittees will have a chair who will present subcommittee reports at MYC meetings. Chairs will also coordinate with their community partners to schedule periodic subcommittee meetings.

- iii. MYC members must serve on at least one subcommittee, though it is possible to help with multiple projects in a smaller capacity.
- iv. There can be no more than 9 people on a subcommittee, or else meetings would result in a quorum. Optimally, each subcommittee will have at least 3-4 members.

<b>MYC IMPACT PROJECTS / SUBCOMMITTEES 2022-2023</b>		
	<b>INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>INTERESTED CHAIRS</b>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL VIDEO CONTEST</b>  <i>Partner: Sierra Club - Connecticut Chapter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all-ages video contest educating the public about about electric vs. gas powered lawn care equipment and various alternatives</li> </ul>	<p>Oliver Hartmann  Evan Piccioli  Jeffry Rosborg  Zaara Shahzad  Priya Shinde</p>	<p>Reese Berigan</p>
<p><b>THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT</b>  <i>Partners: Voices of Hope, Holocaust Education and Outreach Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• viewing of “Not the Last Butterfly” film, ceramic butterfly activity and installation, possible podcasting with West Hartford Holocaust survivors</li> </ul>	<p>Daphne Brewer  Kushal Gaudi  Tziyona Goldfischer  Moh Palanki  Evan Piccioli  Kris Rimal  Jeffry Rosborg  Ailani Roach  Priya Shinde  Caitlin Striff-Cave</p>	<p>Jack Gold</p>

<p><b>WEST HARTFORD IMMIGRANT TEENS</b>  <i>Partners: Golden Door Hartford &amp; West Hartford Libraries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>peer to peer group focusing on socializing, community service, and advocacy</li> </ul>	<p>Oliver Hartmann  Kikoh Mordukai  Zaara Shahzad  Priya Sinha</p>	<p>Kushal Gaudi  Kris Rimal  Priya Shinde  Pria Sinha</p>
<p><b>WALKING TOUR OF WEST HARTFORD</b>  Partners: Dr. Tracey Wilson (Town Historian), the Noah Webster House, the Witness Stones Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tour of West Hartford Center focusing on slavery</li> </ul>	<p>Daphne Brewer  Tziyona Goldfischer  Sarah Granquist  Moh Palanki  Ailani Roach  Jeffry Rosborg</p>	<p>Tess Chapman  Priya Sinha</p>
<p><b>THE KINDNESS PROJECT</b>  <i>Partners: West Hartford Libraries, West Hartford Food Pantry, Fern Street Universalist Church Backpack Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>collection of toiletry items for residents in need</li> </ul>	<p>Reese Berigan  Daphne Brewer  Tess Chapman  Kushal Gaudi  Jack Gold  Sarah Granquist  Oliver Hartmann  Moh Palanki  Evan Piccioli  Kikoh Mordukai  Kris Rimal  Ailani Roach  Jeffry Rosborg  Zaara Shahzad  Priya Shinde  Priya Sinha</p>	<p>Tziyona Goldfischer  Caitlin Striff-Cave</p>

### 3. Announcements

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#### A. Elmwood Community Center Advisory Group

- i. Kris Rimal is the Mayor's Youth Council representative to the Elmwood Community Center Advisory Group, which has been meeting since April 2022.
- ii. Tziyona was the alternate, but can no longer continue in that role. If someone else would like to take her place, they can ask Kris for details. A replacement is needed as soon as possible and should not be someone graduating in spring 2023, since this is a multi-year initiative.
- iv. MYC members are encouraged to read information on the Elmwood Community Center Group website and to contact Mrs. Karp if they are interested in serving on this project.

#### B. Meeting Date Schedule

- i. In 2021-2022, MYC met for 1 hour per month, but members agreed that was not enough time. Subcommittees met sporadically, but it was difficult for them to schedule meetings independently.
- ii. In April 2022, members requested that MYC meetings be once a month with built-in subcommittee work sessions directly following.
- iii. Presently, Reese and Zaara recommend meeting 3x a month. Sarah suggests 2 scheduled meetings- 1 regular and 1 subcommittee.
- iii. Preferred days and times for extra meeting times are mixed. Ailani, Kikoh, Evan, and Daphne propose half day Wednesdays, either early (before 4PM) or later (7-8PM). Sarah mentioned Tuesdays 6-7PM as being optimal, since MYC already takes place during this time slot.
- iv. For now, MYC will continue to meet on its scheduled Tuesday dates (10/25, 11/22, 12/13, and 1/17) and subcommittee members will coordinate with community partners to schedule subcommittee meetings as needed. MYC subcommittees can also stay an extra 30 minutes after meetings to do subcommittee work.

#### C. Elections

- i. Mrs. Karp announced that elections will take place October 25 and shared the open positions (chair, co-chair, secretary, subcommittee chair, social media chair, and outreach / recruitment chair).

- ii. On 10/25, candidates will read short speeches and members will vote using a single ballot. During a recess, votes will be counted and the group will reconvene to announce winners.
- iii. Officers will begin their new roles starting on the date of the election.

**D. Teen Leadership Committee**

- i. Mrs. Karp shared a flier from Jonathan Merritt at the Bridge Family Center. The Teen Leadership Committee at the West Hartford Teen Center would like to have an MYC liaison who can foster collaboration between the 2 groups.
- ii. Jeff is already involved with TLC and can facilitate communication.

**4. Adjournment**

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**A. Adjourn**

- i. Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Karp, Kikoh seconded.
- ii. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- iii. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting / Election: Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 6-7pm in Town Hall Room  
407**

**Presentation by Sarah Snyder from the Holocaust Education Resource and  
Outreach Center 10/25 7-7:30PM**

**Work Session**

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- i. Christine Feely from the Sierra Club Connecticut Chapter spoke to the group about a plan to execute a video contest to inform West Hartford residents about the problems of gas-powered lawn care equipment and promoting alternatives (ex. electric equipment, native vegetation, maintaining mini-meadows, etc.).
- ii. The Environmental Video Contest subcommittee will work closely with Chris to undertake and promote this video project.
- iii. Chris also announced the Electric Vehicle/Bike/Lawncare Showcase happening Sunday, September 25 10-1PM at Town Hall parking lot.