

BRISTOL YOUTH COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes February 12, 2020
51 High Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Item 1 – Call to order

- a. Chairman Matthew Gotowala called the February 12, 2020 Youth Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gotowala at 6:15 p.m.

Item 2 – In attendance

Attendees:

Deborah Ahl, Vice Chairwoman	Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephen Bynum, Supervisor	Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chairman	Dr. Corey Nagle, Secretary
Ethan Grabowski, Comm.	Renee Singleton, Comm.
Karen Hintz, Comm.	Lance Washington, Comm.
Robin Klug, Rec. Secretary	

Absent: Ryan Broderick, Comm., Tanya Ledesma, Comm., Scott Rosado, Liaison, Noah Taylor, Comm.

Item 3 – Approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2019, Youth Commission Meeting

On a MOTION by Comm. Grabowski and **SECONDED** Vice Chairwoman Ahl **by it was so moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting.** Following a unanimous voice vote Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

Item 4 – Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 5 – Superintendent’s Report

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reported no significant change to in the department’s fiscal status. There were no action items.

Item 6 – Youth & Community Supervisor’s Report

- a. There were no action item for the Project Aware programs. The summary of group details was reported and discussion followed.
- b. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu has formed a Youth Cabinet and Stephen Bynum and Kyana Anderson are to be the liaisons from Youth Services. The Cabinet will come before the Youth Commission next fall.

Item 7 – Old Business

- a. 51 High St. and Bristol Health discussions continue. The current tenant sharing 51 High Street will be vacated by March. It is anticipated that a final resolution between Youth Services and Bristol Hospital will be reached by that time.
- b. The Ordinance Committee voted to approve the smoking ban ordinance on all Parks property on February 11, 2020. The ordinance will take effect 14 day from February 11, 2020.
- c. **On a MOTION** by Vice Chairwoman Ahl and **SECONDED** Secretary Nagle **by it was so moved to approve the new logo for Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community**

Services. Following a unanimous voice vote, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.

Item 8 – New Business

- a. **On a MOTION by Comm. Washington and SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman Ahl it was so moved to approve 2020 draft of the Youth Recognition Award Nomination application.** Following a unanimous voice vote, Chairman Gotowala declared the motion carried.
- b. Summer programming through Youth Services will be expanding and changing this year. Basketball at Brackett Park will be returning. New programs aimed at outreach during the summer months that utilize Parks space are planned and will be discussed in at the April meeting.

Item 9 – Youth Forum

- a. The youth forum for February was about education and support for teen dating violence. Comm. Grabowski reported that interactive training and education to parents would be effective in reaching teens. Discussion followed.

Item 10 – Discussion Topic of the month

The topic of the month, teen dating violence month was discussed. There were no action items.

Item 11 – Adjournment

On a MOTION by Secretary Nagle and SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman Ahl it was so moved to adjourn the Youth Commission meeting at 7:07 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Klug
Recording Secretary Youth Commission

cc: City Clerk