



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, June 29, 2020

5:30 PM

Remote Meeting: United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899
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A. Call To Order

Present 7 - SHRIYA KATA, MARCIA MORALES, KARI STAMPFLI, KEMA WILLIAMS,
Supervisor MEGHAN BENSON, Supervisor ELENA HAASL, and Supervisor ALEX
JOERS

Absent 4 - ADAM FEARING, KHADDY JARJOU, Supervisor FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO,
and Supervisor ANDREW MCKINNEY

Others Present: Connie Bettin, Dawn Macfarlane and Howard Thomas

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) 2020_0429 Youth Commission Minutes

[MIN-065](#)

Attachments: [2020_0429 YC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by KATA, seconded by WILLIAMS, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - KATA, MORALES, STAMPFLI, WILLIAMS, BENSON, HAASL and JOERS

Absent: 4 - FEARING, JARJOU, MASCIOPINTO and MCKINNEY

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Discussion on current events, protests, youth action and role of the Commission

Benson introduced the discussion. Several Commissioners shared their knowledge of, participation in, and personal experiences related to events organized by youth in Madison and surrounding communities. The recurrent message in youth led events is a call for change in policing and school policy, particularly related to curriculum not addressing racism in America. Youth are also addressing the need for white allies and that everyone needs to do work to change the unspoken, pervasive social contract of racism. Consensus is that youth are finding innovative ways to have a voice.

Benson reviewed the Youth Commission charge to advocate for youth and to elevate youth voice. She asked how the Commission can support the work youth are doing in the community in this moment? In one way, young people have taken the lead in having a voice. How does the YC lift all voices? Supervisors Joers and Haasl asked how to bring youth voice to the County Board. Kata is working with the Waunakee BSU to change school curriculum. In a show of support, several Commissioners will work with Kata to draft a letter to district superintendents and school boards to broaden curriculum to address racial equity and racism throughout K-12 education.

2. Status of Youth Assessment

Benson provided a summary and update on the Youth Assessment. Plan remains to administer the survey from January – March 2021. Stampfli noted that the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey administration is overlapping this year. Benson stated the Steering Committee is communicating with school districts regarding school challenges in DCYA administration planning.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The City-County Building remains closed with only essential committee meetings being held remotely. The Youth Commission received permission from the Executive's office to meet tonight. Commission meetings will resume when the County lifts current meeting restrictions.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by KATA, seconded by WILLIAMS, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Bettin pending Commission approval.