



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Thursday, January 5, 2017

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 8 - MATT VELDRAN, MEGHAN BENSON, NICK ZWEIFEL, BRIDGET MANIACI,
BARBARA DAVIS, SABINE WESTERMEYER, ARAM DONABEDIAN, and KEMA
WILLIAMS

Absent 1 - NICHELLE NICHOLS

Guests: Lara Miller and Jess Calkins Guffey, UW Extension staff

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2016](#) 2016_1103 Youth Commission Minutes
[MIN-431](#)

Attachments: [2016_1103 YC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 8 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, MANIACI, DAVIS, WESTERMEYER,
DONABEDIAN and WILLIAMS

Absent: 1 - NICHOLS

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. By Youth For Youth (BYFY) and Youth Governance Program (YGP) updates by UW Extension staff, Jess Calkins Guffey and Lara Miller. Bettin reviewed the creation of Youth Governance Program, a collaborative project between the Youth Commission and UW Extension Commission. At that time, DCDHS entered into an interdepartmental agreement with UW Extension to run YGP and BYFY thereby supporting a fulltime position instead of an LTE that had staffed the Youth Board.

BYFY update—Jess provided an overview of BYFY, the make-up of the current BYFY high school committee and the grant making process. The RFP was released in December and proposals are due on 1/20. Members of the committee rate each proposal, then begin their vetting process. Commissioners inquired about conflict of interest policies (student recuse themselves as needed) and how BYFY follows-up on projects funded the previous year (project summaries are submitted). BYFY recommendations will be presented to the Commission at the April 6 meeting with the awards ceremony later that month.

YGP update—Laura provided an overview of YGP. The YGP term is June 1 – May 31. Twelve available slots are filled—four youth are doing a second term. The next three-week nominating cycle will begin on 1/23/17. Adults (teachers, parents, etc.) can nominate high school youth using a simple, one-page form. Upon receipt of nominations, youth are invited to submit an application—also a three-week cycle. Applicants are invited for interviews resulting in offers. Information about YGP, including a handbook, is on the UW Extension web site. Discussion on ways to broaden awareness of YGP. Suggestions included creating and distributing a video made by current YGP members; linking the video to school web-sites—this could be a capstone project; educating adults about the nominating process; encouraging YGP alumni to nominate; and create an opportunity for current members to be ambassadors for the program in their schools—giving five minute presentations throughout the day. Commissioner Westermeyer requested information to distribute at Sun Prairie HS.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Develop strategic plan to promote DCYA and role of the YC: Commissioners brainstormed opportunities to promote DCYA and the role of the YC. Input will be aggregated and vetted at the February meeting.

2. Update on projects identified at previous meetings

- a) An application to present DCYA to Rotary has been submitted and is under consideration.
- b) Youth Pass—Time did not allow for an update.
- c) Consideration of new ideas—Commissioners expressed interest in November to learning more about the juvenile justice system after touring juvenile detention. CYF JJ Manager Andre Johnson will present at the April meeting following the BYFY presentation.

3. Report on Commissioner advocacy activities since last meeting: Time did not allow for a report.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: February 4, 2017 at 5:30

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

7:10 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Bettin at 242-6422 (WI Relay 711)