

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, February 7, 2022– 6:00 p.m.

1515 W. Main St., St. Charles Police Department
Community Room

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*	M. Kramer, STC PD*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	E. Mahan, STC PD
A. Farinella – Youth Commissioner	J. Keegan, Chief of Police
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	L. Vitek, Mayor
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*	STC Aldermen
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*	H. McGuire, City Administrator
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner*	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*	N. Chaney, STC Library*
J. Wallace – Youth Commissioner*	J. O’Neal, TriCity
	M. Clark, TriCity
	P. Palagi, D303*

*Attended meeting

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:02 p.m.
- II. Approval of the minutes from the January 2022 meeting. Commissioner Clavelli made a motion and Commissioner Kelly seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$6,380. Three grants have been awarded to date for the current fiscal year.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Funding Request for Scouts BSA: Commissioner Stock made a motion to table the request until a price sheet is received from the applicant; Commissioner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Commissioner Stock reviewed the history of the Youth Commission’s spending and provided a money distribution sheet to share with the members present.
- V. Correspondence
 - A. An invitation to the TriCity Family Services annual fundraising gala, *Hope Grows Here*, was passed around for all to view.
- VI. Presentations – none
- VII. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 Schools – Patti Palagi
 - a. The school district declared an Emergency Day today to prepare to welcome kids back. The district is waiting for the Attorney General to stay the TRO. Landscape in the classroom could look different tomorrow, and discussions were centered around understanding and recognizing everyone needs to be treated with respect.
 - b. The school district is working on a Strategic Plan and an Equity Audit.
 - c. D303 is looking to hire a new superintendent.
 - d. A senior at St Charles North died in a car accident last night.

- e. The district is utilizing covid relief funds to add additional mental health services at both high schools.
 - ii. Park District – Dan Procaccio and Chris Holling
 - a. The Park District is starting to see a new group coming into the Teen Center on the weekends.
 - b. The snow tubing trip was successful.
 - c. New window decals were put up.
 - d. Distinguished Agency accreditation was awarded to the Park District.
 - e. Jobs are posted for summer in camps and aquatics
 - f. Summer campers will go on fun trips like paintballing, Medieval Times, and Enchanted Castle.
 - g. The summer brochure will be coming out in the next few months. Planning is underway.
 - h. Commissioner Muenz made a motion to hold the March 7, 2022 meeting of the Youth Commission and Student Consultants at the STC Underground Teen Center. Commissioner Stock seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Police Department – Police Officer Meghan Kramer and K-9 Charlie
 - a. Arrest update.
 - b. The Youth Commission welcomed Charlie, the 1-year old police dog. Charlie was brought in as a facility dog to do comfort dog things. He came from the organization *Canines 4 Comfort*. He gets sworn in on February 22, 2022. Charlie can help respond to a traumatic event, and he is a friendly dog. You can ask to pet him.
 - iv. Library – Nick Chaney
 - a. The library was closed down for two weeks after a group of unmasked individuals came in. At an emergency board meeting, the library board decided to uphold the mask mandate. While the library had been closed for the past two weeks, it is now open to the public with limited hours. A security firm was hired to keep a person at the front door to enforce the wearing of masks and because of the hostile comments that were posted online.
 - b. Community members have been kind and supportive.
 - c. Programming will be half and half in moving forward. Programs running from 9-5 will be held in person. In the evenings, the programs will be virtual.
 - v. TriCity Family Services – absent
- B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report – none
- C. Student Consultant Committee Report
- i. Students have mixed feelings on wearing masks.
 - ii. Students expressed concerns about there being a gender bias in PE.

- iii. Commissioner Stock spoke with the teens to brainstorm display window ideas, and they're considering a floral theme for May.
- iv. The March meeting will take place at the STC Underground Teen Center.
- v. The seniors are planning for their class gift to be a mural but this needs to be approved by the school board.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. We have an idea for May.

B. Ongoing marketing

- i. Chairperson Muenz will reach out to The Leadership Studies teacher at East to invite him to an upcoming meeting.
- ii. Commissioner Kristofer will reach out to Sara Cass to find out the process for reimbursement for supplies for the display window.

C. Impact Award

- i. There are two nominees.
- ii. Final recipient information will be sent to Sara so she can print up certificates for those being honored.
- iii. On April 18, 2022, the youth commissioners are invited to attend the City Council meeting to present the awards at 7 pm.
- iv. On May 16, 2022, youth commissioners are invited to attend the City Council meeting to give an annual report at 7 pm.

D. Announcements

- i. There is a seat open on the Youth Commission. Information on how to apply is on the City's website.

IX. Public Comment – none

X. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm; Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Park District's Underground Teen Center (lower level of the Baker Community Center; 101 S. 2nd St. in St. Charles).

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner