

**■ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION■**  
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**1515 W. Main St., St. Charles Police Department**  
**Community Room**

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| D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*  | M. Kramer, STC PD                |
| J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner                | E. Mahan, STC PD                 |
| D. 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. Weick – Youth Commissioner                 | M. Clark, TriCity                |
|   | P. Palagi, D303                  |

**\*Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:07 p.m.
- II. New Commissioner & Partner Introductions
- III. Approval of the minutes from the May 2021 meeting. Commissioner Clavelli made motion. Commissioner Saylor seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
  - A. Current balance: \$15,000.00
- V. Correspondence – none
- VI. Presentations – none
- VII. Reports
  - A. Liaison Reports
    - i. D303 Schools – absent
    - ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
      - a. Teen Center attendance is down to 150-160 visits per month. Pre-covid the norm was 400 visits a month.
      - b. Park District staff members haven’t been allowed back in schools to talk about the program.
      - c. One new trend is that kids have asked staff to stop tracking gender. 10% of regular attendees are non-binary.
      - d. The Teen Center Director is working on cultural arts programming to promote diversity and inclusion in our community.
      - e. The Park District will introduce a new program for 15-year-old employees who work at the pools next year. The Park District will pay these individuals \$10 an hour plus give them free lifeguard training while they

work as slide attendants their first year in the hopes to retain them as lifeguards in the future.

- f. The Park District hires 250 people for pools each year, more teens than any other employer in the community.

iii. Police Department – absent

iv. Library – absent

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

- i. The goal of this subcommittee is to raise awareness and share the Youth Commission’s message. It is a work in progress and the group will revisit in the future.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. The student consultant group will meet regularly for 45 minutes on days when the Youth Commission meetings are held.
- ii. We currently have 9 student consultants, with 3 from St. Charles North, 5 from St. Charles East, and 1 from Wredling.
- iii. Students in both high school and middle school report experiencing feelings ranging from excitement to anxiety. There is some stress involved with being back in school full days. The days are long, and some students aren’t used to having every subject each day. On the plus side, most of the students reported an increase in socialization. School spirit is high, and attendance in many clubs has increased.
- iv. Students discussed communication from school to families.
- v. Students also noted the transition to a new building (elementary to middle or middle to high school) seems most difficult as there are some 7<sup>th</sup> graders and sophomores who were remote last year who are new to these buildings. Overall students reported students and staff as being helpful and accommodating.
- vi. The student consultants were invited to introduce themselves at the regular Youth Commission meeting in October.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. Chairperson Muenz will call the city to ask about this.

B. Ongoing marketing – no updates

C. Impact Award

- i. Last year was a success under Commissioner Kelly’s leadership.

IX. New Business – none

X. Announcements – none

XI. Public Comment

- A. Molly Denz: STC Learn is hoping to increase fundraising efforts this year. The organization has been working with schools to identify families who would benefit from educational services and resources. Most recently, the group was able to provide summer reading materials to 75 children in our community.

XII. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm; Commissioner Kristofer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

***The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the St. Charles Police Department.***

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner