

The Brighton Youth Commission
Formal Meeting Minutes
March 4th, 2021

Absences-

Excused: Dahaan Medina, Emmanuel Chaparro, Jorie Burns, Sophia Rosasco

Unexcused: Elena Marraudino, Fiona MacKendrick, Jayelin Adame, Kylee Versteegt, Tania Hernandez

Business-

1. Boards and Commissions Updates

a. YOCCB Presentation

- The YOCCB team is working on an ultimate guide for their boards that will answer any and all questions about being a youth representative on a board.

b. 27J Update

- The graduation demonstration requirements are still in place for the class of 2022+. If this is something you have questions about, reach out to your school counselor.
- 27J will start to have two days of in-person learning after spring break, most likely only for those who have already been in hybrid learning.
- A new online-only academy is in the works for students who are not comfortable with going back to in-person learning. This will be a separate school, with separate teachers, etc. Elective and CTE classes will be offered by outside programs that students can sign up for, and the schedule will be pretty structured. If a student is interested in participating in sports while enrolled at the academy, they can do so through their home school.
- The 27J schools will remain in a quarter system for next year, fully in-person. Students won't have a heavy workload if they have to go back to remote learning. Core classes will be in back-to-back quarters.
- Tuesday is expected to be a high absence day, as teachers and staff plan to receive their second dose of the vaccine this weekend. It is still a learning day, so students should be on the lookout for emails with more information.

c. City Council Update

- The police department is planning to open its doors to the public in the beginning of April.
- City Council is discussing what to do with some of the land that Brighton owns, and the funding we could have if we chose to sell some of it.

d. Parks and Recreation

- Brighton might go into a stage 1 drought, but this could change with the rainfall we just had.
- e. Legacy Foundation
- Ashley and Nicole met with the Legacy Foundation leaders to get some questions they had about their board answered.
- f. Planning Commission
- Giana and Reagen reached out and got their board questions answered.
 - The next meeting will be later this month.
- g. Historic Preservation
- Diana will have her board questions answered sometime next week.
 - The historic museum received two donations for them to display!
 - The team is thinking of putting together 30-minute long videos that go into detail and tour viewers around the museum as another way to share Brighton's history.
- h. Arts & Culture
- Cultural Arts Commission (BCAC)
 - The Lodging Tax people will have a meeting to discuss how they will be allocating the money for the grant since everything is online.
 - The BCAC was able to get in contact with Wells Fargo and are moving along with the mural project.
 - Public Art Committee (PAC)
 - The statues in Carmichael park will be changing again for a new year of the art-on-loan project. The PAC discussed the rubric for applicants and their statues, along with a timeline.
 - PAC also discussed their budgets and funding.
 - Some goals for the PAC were brought up: to promote their presence through a website, logo, and attendance to city events, along with others.
- i. Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- In 2019, DRCOG reached out to the BYC to see if any youth were interested in helping to put together a transportation plan for the public transit system.
 - Kirby and Giana volunteered to work with the group, and have recently had their last meeting. They gave input on what concerns the youth have with pollution and other huge factors of transportation.
 - If you would like to see what the finalized plan looks like, visit https://drcog.org/sites/default/files/resources/2050_RTP.pdf. You can also watch a video explaining a little about it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r802cmpCvig>.

j. Collaborative Youth Innovators Alliance

- Kirby's group is focusing on youth homelessness and is hoping to get local high schools to participate in a competition to raise the most money for the cause. The money will go to Movement 5280, homeless shelter for teens in Denver.
- Schools will donate money through their designated GoFundMe, the winning class at the winning school gets \$500 to spend in the class. Second and third place get \$300 and \$200, respectively.
- If you can't donate money, try to donate items that are needed. Find more information on their website: movement5280.org.
- Alijah's group is focusing on social injustice, and they are currently working on educating the members of the collaborative about the school-to-prison pipeline. After that, they hope to turn it into a community project that will educate students about the issue.

2. National League of Cities (NLC)

- NLC is having their City Congressional Conference this weekend, the 7th-11th, virtually.
- Giana was able to present to NLC staff about the affects COVID has had on youth.
- If you have any concerns you would like to bring to city officials, let Giana know so she can better represent the youth voice in her YEF position.

3. Adult Commissioner Spot

- We have a new adult commissioner: Mikayla.
- Tawyna and Giana will get in contact with the other applicant about the situation. They will check to see if she is eligible for a spot, considering her address.

4. Parent Permission Forms

- If you have not already turned in your parent permission forms, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Abby for the link to it.

5. SPEAK Meeting

- We want to try to plan an in-person meeting to start discussing SPEAK. Please respond to the poll in the Facebook group regarding your availability for this meeting.

6. Library Cards

- If you have not already dropped off your cards for Project Angel Heart, drop them off at City Hall as soon as possible. Make sure to leave a sticky note on them that addresses it to Abby.

7. Responsiveness

- Overall, we should keep striving to be active on the Facebook group and the Google calendar.
- Members should try to check each of them at least once a week.
- Volunteer opportunities will start appearing on there, you don't want to miss out.
- If you have any feedback on how you think officers can improve communication with their pods, message them.

8. Hours Log

- Make sure all of your community service hours are accounted for: log them all in [here](#).

9. Entrepreneurship Program

- Tawnya will reach out to commissioners who are interested in helping to interview potential sellers. It will be open to 30 people under the age of 19. Those who get past the interview can begin to sell their items on an online market.
- Commissioners who are interested in helping with the process: Logan, Ashley C, Esmi, Nicole, Kaela, Alijah, Mikayla, Dahaan, Diana, Giana, Sophia, Cynthia, Andrea

10. Walk Meetups

- Are you tired of sitting at home and staring at your computer screen? Go out and go on a walk with your fellow youth commissioners! On Mondays at 10AM there are walks at Ken Mitchell Park. On Thursdays at 3PM, they're at Carmichael Park. If you're interested in attending, be sure to sign up on the Google calendar ahead of time.
- The next two weeks, however, all walks will be at Carmichael.

11. Fun Night

- The BYC and Youth Corps fun night will be Monday, March 15th from 5PM to 6:30PM.
- Confirm that you will be in attendance by participating in the poll in the Facebook group.
- If you are interested in building the cookie kits on Tuesday the 9th, let Abby know your availability.

12. SPEAK

- The application for facilitators of our in-person meeting has been posted.
- The emails to reach out to the schools have been sent.
- We took a vote to decide if we should plan for an in-person walk. We had 7 firm yes and 8 firm no. The rest of the commissioners who voted said they would be able to try to make it work but that it would be hard to commit time.

13. Other

- Sign up for the Youth Services Newsletter! Sign up for it using this link: <https://www.brightonco.gov/313/Youth-Services>. Diana wrote in it! Good job, Diana.



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