

**Elmhurst Commission on Youth Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 9, 2019**  
**Elmhurst City Hall- Conference Room #2**

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Jackie Tamer called the meeting to order at 12:38p.m.

**Roll Call:**

*Committee Members Present:* Jackie Tamer, Chairperson, Kim Brigman, Jan DeCoursey, Joey Kalwat, Patricia McKernan, Marisa Mancini, Bob Rasho, Derek Schlager, Mark Soehn, Gloria Walsh-Rock, Nick Waldermeyer

*Committee Members Absent:* Tim Jorgensen, Dannee Polomsky- Alderman (Ex-Officio), Beverly Redmond, Anne Zimmer

**Public Comment:**

None

**Treasurer Report:**

Patricia McKernan- no update or changes from last month. Discussed needs. Derek Schlager moved to approve funds up to \$500 to be used for marketing materials including a self-standing banner, tablecloth, and bags. Mark Soehn seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Joey Kalwat moved to approve treasurer report, Bob Rasho seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**Approval of September Minutes:**

Patricia McKernan moved to pass September minutes with noted changes. Derek Schlager seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**Commission Updates/Follow Up from Last Meeting:**

**D205 Strive to Thrive “How to Raise an Adult” Program Launch**

- Event took place on September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at York High School
- Large crowd with many District 205 employees in attendance
- Strong, engaging speaker

**525 Foundation “Teens, Alcohol, and Prescription Drugs - A Deadly Combination”**

- Event took place on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Bryan Middle School
- Compelling, sad and strong message from presenter from 525 Foundation
- Elmhurst Police and Elmhurst Fire Department provided lots of information including topics of vaping, prescription drugs and drinking trends and specific to Elmhurst
- Audience was engaging and interested especially with EPD & EFD.

**“Wake Up Call” Remake of a Teens Bedroom**

- Event took place on Tuesday, November 19 at Bryan Middle School with approximately 90 in attendance; feedback was all positive
- Presentation was heartfelt and relatable; the format presented was unique, insightful and definitely gave a “wake up call” to parents. Biggest takeaway- it’s okay and necessary to be proactive in determining possible drug use in your children. Don’t wait for the problem to present itself.

- Many stayed after to continue to discuss with presenters, EPD & EFD

### **“Marijuana Legal, Now What for Teens”**

- Event is scheduled for January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elmhurst Public Library. Coffee will be served; library will make the posters
- Matthew Quinn, LCPC to present issues surrounding the legalization of marijuana and what that means for teens (normalization, depression...)
- A representative from the city will attend to discuss policy changes
- D205 is currently planning a program on vaping and marijuana for February. Jackie will talk with Bev Redmond about working together to avoid repeating topics.

### **“Be Internet Awesome”**

- Derek Schlager proposed working with the YMCA to host a “Be Internet Awesome” workshops for parents. YMCA will offer the workshop for parents at the Y at 10 am. Commission will host two workshops in the evening at 6:00p.m. and then again at 7:00 p.m.
- Workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, Safer Internet Day
- Gloria will check room availability at the library
- Mark Soehn moved to approve partnering with the Elmhurst YMCA to offer the evening workshops. Bob Rash seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Unanimous.

### **Job & Volunteer Fair**

- Event is scheduled for Monday, March 6 at York High School
- Patricia McKernan will send out an email once the registration has been set up at the library; Kim Brigman will contact volunteer organizations and Patricia will manage the companies
- Jackie created a Facebook Event Page; library will create the fliers/posters

### **Other Topics/New Business:**

- Discussed D205 scheduling issues and concerns; Derek raised the possibility of working with Pam Knight to set up a Youth Commission account to allow us to schedule and confirm space availability online
- Discussed future programming ideas. Bob Rasha emphasized the importance of getting community people involved and that local stories are relatable and well attended. Commission discussed getting a panel of local people to share their stories- good & bad experiences with topics that align with our goals
- Other future program ideas to research: Your Choice to Live, Inc.’s Playground to Pills and Stairway to Heroin
- Marissa Mancini expressed concern again about how the city handles underage drinking consequences- the court mandated Alive @ 25 program is only program offered. Additional programs will be researched for possible programming and the commission’s involvement in sponsoring a class on alcohol awareness
- Gloria Walsh-Rock and Joey Kalwat will no longer be youth commissioners after this month. Alea Perez will be Gloria’s replacement beginning next month. Representative from Elmhurst Park District has not been named.
- Youth Commission needs new members. Possibly adding a member of the fire department? Also discussed the option of having remote meetings for those that cannot attend in person

### **Adjournment**

Patricia McKernan moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim Brigman seconds. Voice vote. Motion carries. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

**\*Next meeting will be Monday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m., City Hall**