



Youth Commission
Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Youth and Community Services – 51 High Street
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Matthew Gotowala called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chairman
Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair
Dr. Corey Nagle, Secretary
Makayla Cervantes, Commissioner
Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Commissioner
Jolene Lusitani, City Council Member
Ramon Peters, Commissioner

Stephen Bynum, Youth & Community Services Supervisor
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Ryan Broderick, Commissioner
Kamryn McLaughlin, Commissioner
Lance Washington, Commissioner

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Ahl to accept the December 8th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
Seconded by: Secretary Nagle, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation

- a. None.

4. Employee/Volunteer Recognition

- a. January:
 - i. Superintendent Medeiros recognized Stephen Bynum, Youth and Community Services Supervisor for his integral part in coordinating the Administrative team moving to 51 High Street over the past year. Supervisor Bynum is a detailed thinker making sure the youth and community services needs and our administrative teams' needs are met as best as possible, reviewing and providing on-going feedback into office assignments/business flow, and much more. Supervisor Bynum has been a solution based problem solver and I appreciate his leadership to help ensure a smooth transition for all parties.
 - ii. Next, Superintendent Medeiros recognized Jazzya Coakley, Assistant to the Superintendent for consistently going above and beyond tackling a variety of projects and always jumping on opportunities to do more including serving as the

department's new Arts & Culture Commission recording secretary (in addition to Parks & Youth). Assistant Coakley's attention to detail and quality of work has been acknowledged by not only members of the department but in other departments as well including Human Resources, Comptrollers and Payroll. Assistant Coakley has also been a tremendous help with our Administrative team's transition to 51 High Street assisting with various move logistics and the all-important document retention and destruction program.

- b. February: Superintendent Medeiros recognized outgoing Arts & Culture Commission Chair Lindsay Vigue, she served the City as the first ever Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission since its founding in 2018. Since that time, and before the on-boarding of our Arts & Culture Supervisor, Lindsay managed logistics on dozens of public art projects that brighten the city, stimulate economic development and enhance the quality of life for Bristol residents. This includes the Main Street Mural, traffic box art, Page Pool mural, and more. Lindsay was a valued member of the commission.

5. Youth and Community Services Supervisor's Reports

- a. Superintendent Medeiros presented the Year to Date Financials.
- b. Supervisor Bynum discussed the Youth and Community Services Supervisor's Report along with Project Aware updates. Discussion followed.

6. Old Business

- a. By Commissioners: None

7. New Business

- a. Supervisor Bynum presented the Youth Recognition Awards 2022 Application that will be used this year. E-mailed, mailed, hand-delivered, and Seamless Doc submissions will all be accepted. Deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2022. Discussion followed.
- b. B.E.S.T's Drug Free Communities Coordinator Jenelle Howard facilitated a NARCAN Training for the commission.
- c. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Peters inquired about a potential partnership with the commission and UCONN's Career Center to develop an outreach program. Supervisor Bynum and Commissioner Peter will touch-base.
 - ii. Commissioner Cervantes informed the commission of her collaboration with B.E.S.T's Drug Free Communities Coordinator Jenelle Howard. They will be facilitating a NARCAN Training at Bristol Eastern High School on February 15th, 2022. 20 students are expected to attend.

8. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Ahl to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.
Seconded by: City Council Member Lusitani, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
Youth Commission