



Youth Commission

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol City Hall-111 North Main Street Bristol, CT 06010 Room 1-4

1. Call to Order

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair
Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair
Ryan Broderick, Commissioner
Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Commissioner
Donna Osuch, Commissioner
Miguel Salguero, Commissioner
Renee Singleton, Commissioner
Luke Viens, Commissioner

Stephen Bynum, Youth and Community
Services Supervisor
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent
Aubrey Minkler, Youth and Community
Services, Community Services Coordinator
Deedra Willingham, B.E.S.T Drug Free
Communities, Project Coordinator

Absent:

Lance Washington, Commissioner
Richard Kilby, Commissioner

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Veins to Approve the September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Osuch, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Bynum went over some of the current and upcoming programs that Youth and Community Service staff are running and their success. He presented the current Statistics of the Juvenile Review Board as well as an update on a new name for the Young Men with Issues Group, that will now be called the Young Men of the Future; discussion followed.

b. Year to Date Financials

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Year to Date Financial. Supervisor Bynum stated that they will continue to keep an eye on the Welfare, Evictions, and Auctions account since there is no longer the ability to have free storage. That budget may need to be increased only if it is needed. Supervisor Bynum advised the Board that Bristol Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services have been awarded the JRB Grant, which is broken down into quarterly payments and will see that in the upcoming budget reviews; discussion followed.

5. Old Business

a. Appetite for Reading "Little Library" Update

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Update on the Appetite for Reading "Little Library" Program. He stated that he had been in contact with Sapphire, and she is currently waiting on the funding she had requested from an organization; discussion followed.

6. New Business

a. Holiday Gift Giving Program (New Location: City Hall)

- **How to Apply**
- **Donor Recruitment and Suggestions (Ways to Give)**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **How to Volunteer**

Community Services Coordinator Aubrey Minkler presented the upcoming Holiday Gift Giving Program. The program will begin accepting applications and will close on December 4, 2024. There are opportunities to donate gifts, or you can sponsor a family; discussion followed.

b. Holiday Events

- **Stuff a Cruiser - at Walmart on November 9, 2024**
- **Shop With a Cop - Date to be Determined**

Community Services Coordinator Aubrey Minkler presented information on the Stuff a Cruiser Event and the Shop with a Cop Event; discussion followed.

c. B.E.S.T Updates

B.E.S.T Project Coordinator Deedra Willingham presented the B.E.S.T Updates. She presented that Red Ribbon Week will end October 31, 2024. The Four (4) Point Program started at the Bristol Central and Bristol Prep Schools this week. She also stated that there is a discussion about vape detectors being in middle schools; discussion followed.

7. Committee Reports

None.

8. Any other matter to come before said meeting

None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Ahl to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Broderick, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
Youth Commission