

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – MARCH 8, 2023**  
**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE**

Alex Roberts	Jay Falk	Laura Durham
Amanda Ruff	J-Lynn Van Pelt	Rose Dawson
Angela Green	Jessy Cuddy	Sara Waskowicz
Christina Sherlock	Julie Murphy	Zahra Rahimi
Christine Raino	Katie Greenway	
Ingrid Bynum	Kurt Huffman	

**Excused Absent**

Councilwoman Aliya Gaskins	Mike Mackey
Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Kate Garvey
Amanda Hazelwood	Kate Harbour
Catherine Clinger	Tammie Ignacio
Jacinta Greene	

**Unexcused**

Jenny Rivera  
Francesca Gallozzi

**Staff**

Barbara Paulson  
Noraine Buttar  
Robin Crawley  
Shawn Brown  
Chelsea Eickert (Virtual)

**Guests:**

Allen Lomax

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comments were made.

**WELCOME**

Jessy welcomed all members to the meeting.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS – REPORT OUT FROM GOAL COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION**

Goal Committees reported out on their current work.

### **NEW BUSINESS – LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Members reviewed the draft letter. It was recommended that for each budget item that was suggested as an addition (bulleted list in letter) there should be an explanation of the need for the item or the impact it would have. Julie Murphy offered to make edits and send them Thursday morning.

### **NEW BUSINESS – CHAIR-ELECT ELECTION**

All nominees had declined their nomination. Noraine will send out a new electronic nomination form indicating those that had declined so they are not re-nominated. There was a general discussion about the need to recruit diverse nominees who were ready to apply when there were openings. Groups the Commissioners suggested reaching out to included: Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority, Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, African Communities United and CASA Chirilagua.

### **NEW BUSINESS – BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Commissioners were asked to review the budget and indicate: 1 – What were the good things they saw? 2 – What was missing? and 3 – Did they have any questions? Due to limited time, they discussed the budget as a group instead of breaking out into small groups.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.