

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – MAY 10, 2023
CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER

ATTENDANCE

Alex Roberts	Julie Murphy	Zahra Rahimi
Catherine Clinger	Kate Garvey	
Christine Raino	Kurt Huffman	
Jay Falk	Laura Durham	
Jessy Cuddy	Mike Mackey	
J-Lynn Van Pelt	Sara Waskowicz	

Excused Absent

Councilwoman Aliya Gaskins	Ingrid Bynum
Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Jacinta Greene
Amanda Ruff	Rose Dawson
Angi Green	Tammie Ignacio
Christine Sherlock	

Unexcused

Katie Greenway

Staff

Barbara Paulson
Noraine Buttar

Guests:

Allen Lomax

WELCOME

Jessy welcomed all members to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Allen Lomax announced the release of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria's Community Health Improvement Plan progress report and appendix. They will be shared with Commissioners. He also announced that the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness is holding listening sessions with youth at George Washington Middle School and those who are staying at Carpenter's Shelter.

REVIEW AND APPROVE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION – POSTPONED TO THE FALL

OLD BUSINESS – REPORT OUT FROM GOAL COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION

Goal Groups 1 and 2 did not have updates. Goal Group 3 shared that they are wrapping up the youth landscape. There was a discussion around how to ensure we as a commission are adequately supporting and advocating for youth. There was a suggestion around changing the bylaws to increase the number of youth members from three to five.

NEW BUSINESS – RETREAT PLANNING

Jessy Cuddy outlined the main areas of the retreat – youth inclusionary practices, Children and Youth Community Plan goals and ensuring we are still on track or whether we need to readjust and commission effectiveness and structure. There are three main categories for how Commissioners can provide support:

- “From Your Couch Work” – research, outreach, draft advocacy letters
- “Human Capital” – recruitment, onboarding, mentoring/supporting youth members
- “Fee on the Ground/Faces in Community” – Youth Speak Up events, meet with City leaders and other representative and other ad hoc opportunities

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.