

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION  
MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2018  
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Ronnie Campbell  
Councilman John Chapman  
Julie Crawford  
Laura Durham  
Kate Garvey

J. Glenn Hopkins  
Kurt Huffman  
Mike Mackey  
Gwen Mullen  
Edward O’Keefe

Kelly Organek  
Isra Schuster  
Michelle Smith-Howard  
Malka Zeefe

**Excused Absent**

Councilman Willie Bailey  
Rose Dawson  
Karen Graf  
Melissa Little

Jamica Littles  
Tammy Mann  
Brian Orrenmaa

**Unexcused Absent**

Stephen Parker

**Staff**

Noraine Buttar  
Robin Crawley

Chelsea Eickert  
Stacey Hardy-Chandler

**WELCOME**

The CYFCC Chair welcomed everyone back and said that the bulk of tonight’s discussion would be about setting priorities. They will use the Commission’s budget recommendations and the Children and Youth Master Plan to inform priorities at the beginning of the year. Priorities will be in the form of short-term, mid-term, and long-term and will be more than just passion projects.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MAY’S MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from May. The minutes were approved with no changes. It was noted that Michael Suppa and Eric Williams tendered their resignations.

**NEW BUSINESS: CYFCC 2019 SCHEDULE**

The Commission reviewed and approved the 2019 Schedule without any changes.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

A draft of this year’s Annual Report was disseminated for review. It mostly included a progress update on the Children and Youth Master Plan. So far, the Budget Committee and the Monitoring Implementation Committee have submitted material for the Annual Report. The

other committees are encouraged to submit their highlights from last year to include in the Annual Report.

The Commission discussed the development of two different things – an annual report to submit to the City Council as soon as possible, and promotional material, like a brochure, to share with the community. It was decided that the Commission would update last year’s newsletter and turn it in as soon as possible. Once the annual report is submitted to City Council, the Commission can work on turning the annual report into something that markets and communicates what the CYFCC does and is working on.

The Annual Report, which is usually due annually in the spring, was not submitted to the City Clerk last year.

### **NEW BUSINESS: UPDATE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MASTER PLAN**

In addition to what is included in the draft of this year’s Annual Report, the Children and Youth Master Plan Coordinator provided an update on the progress that has happened since writing the Annual Report. Highlights include:

- The Healthy Behaviors Work Group meets monthly (every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 2) and has begun developing their action plan around four developmental assets. The next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Police Department.
- The Youth Empowerment Kick Off event was a great success and now has a work group of over 20 members. Recruitment of youth and ACPS staff is appreciated. The group will meet monthly (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:30) at TC Williams (Room C214). Their first meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a Healthy Minds meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30 at 2525 Mt Vernon Ave (Multipurpose Room) to provide a follow up to a “Coffee & Conversations” series focused on youth mental health, discuss next steps, and gauge their level of commitment in meeting regularly. There is a lot of interest in this meeting with over 40 people planning to attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS: COMMISSION PRIORITIES**

Nine possible priorities for the commission to focus their advocacy efforts on this year were proposed. Some of these were a mix of state and local examples of policy changes: 1. Set up a Children’s Bureau at the state level; 2. State funding for schools; 3. Federal dollars available for school improvements with no plan, 4. Community Eligibility; 5. an apprenticeship program; 6. Local City Budget Rating System; 7. Supporting Family Engagement Centers; 8. School Safety and the creation of a Resource Guide 9. Increasing youth engagement in this commission.

Last year it was agreed upon that the CYFCC is an advocacy body which hosts forums for public discussion. It was suggested that the Commission approach the work by structuring these items under two umbrella buckets. 1. “Advocacy” bucket – have the Advocacy Committee take a look at 3 or 4 things that were mentioned which related to advocacy and come back with some specifics. 2. “Forum” bucket – host a series of community forums. Discuss the needs and goals with youth apprenticeships, school safety (modify to include preschool and schools), and add a youth empowerment component. Once community hears about the commission and attends these forums, the CYFCC will have a lot more clout.

Motion to pursue the umbrella priorities and action items beneath those. Motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ON THE COMMISSION**

The CYFCC Chair will soon sit down and talk with the youth commission members about how the Commission can be more engaging for them. One idea is to have one youth representative at every Executive Committee meeting so that agendas are more informed by youth voice.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- National Women’s Law Center released their study on school dress codes and who it impacts. Event on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Georgetown University.
- The CYFCC discussed their response to the Strawberry Hill email regarding a school bus safety issue. It was moved to respond by saying that the Commission acknowledged the letter and that staff be tasked with working with the school’s authorities to notify the public of community input opportunities and the CYFCC will continue to monitor it.
- Added a third youth member to the CYFCC

**ADJOURNMENT**