

City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council
Thursday, September 11 , 2025: 6 PM
IN PERSON
City of Hyattsville Municipal Building Multipurpose Room

NOTES

Public Attendees: All committee meetings are open to the public to observe. For virtual meetings, there is a Q&A function that allows attendees to post questions or comments. It is not required that the committee respond to items posted in the Q&A, nor is it required that committees provide a public comment period during their meeting whether virtual or in-person. Should committees wish to allow time to hear public comment, a time will be designated on the agenda

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm with a quorum of 9

Yasmin P., Eric M., Litzy., Christopher J., Anastasia K., Jorge G., Diana A., Craig M., and Margaret H.

2. Reiteration of Election of Officers from Previous Minutes

3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes •

Minutes were amended and corrected.

- Speed traps were not mentioned during the August meeting
- YAC members discussed about more schools like St. Jerome's academy, Hyattsville Middle School and pedestrian safety
- YAC members also talked about overall the structure of the schools, not a specific one

4. Discussion about Connecting with Martinsville, VA, Youth Advisory Council

- Distance: 5 hours away
- Availability: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
- It would be best to meet through zoom instead of in-person
- Council member Joanne suggested it would be a good idea to ask the city clerk if we can use a projector/big screen in the city building.

- The upcoming date they will be available is September 24th. The meeting will be between 5-6:30pm
- Council member Joanne suggested it would be a good idea to have ice breakers
- Eric asked if this would be a public meeting, and the answer was no. It should be called something other than a meeting. For example a gathering, or meet and greet
- Ice breakers ideas: show our socks and talk about them, animal that starts with our initials, our name and our favorite color, say or name and a movie character

5. Topics of Discussion

6. Discussion about Health awareness

- Spread awareness by giving information about how to avoid the flu and use information from the Health and Wellness fair

7. Discussion about Suicide prevention month

- Since September is suicide prevention month, the YAC should spread awareness with flyers, or reel on instagram
- Joanne mentioned that March 2 is World Teen Mental Wellness day and that the city has The Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee (HWRAC) and we could collaborate.
- Anastasia talked about how important it is to wash our hands regularly and that it would be a good idea to have handwashing stations at of schools to ensure students are washing their hands. She also suggests there should be a teacher monitoring this.
- Margaret said it would be a good idea to put flyers in the bathroom to spread awareness about the importance of proper hygiene.

8. Discussion about intro video

- YAC members will record an intro video. The inspiration is the intro front the tv show *The Office*
- The idea of the video would be to show the YAC members in action and doing things that represent the YAC
- There will be a day to discuss ideas and dates to record (Ronald will confirm this later) time frame that works for all is from 4:30-5PM

9. Discussion about helping other cities have a Youth Advisory Council

- Some cities that might we can connect with about a youth advisory council are
Brentwood and Mount Rainier

10. Public Comment

- Council member Joanne: YAC members should have a board to write down ideas to
discuss during the meeting

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM

**Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, October 09, 2025, at 6:00pm at City of Hyattsville
Municipal Building**