

City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council
Thursday, November 13, 2025: 6 PM
IN PERSON
4310 Gallatin St, Hyattsville, MD 20781
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 6:01 with a quorum of 10

- Eric M., Jorge G., Craig M., Oluwaseyifunmi O., Christopher J., Litzy V., Diana A., Anastasia K., Margaret H., Yasmin P.

2. Review of previous minutes

- A correction was made to the spelling of documented names
- Correction about Pet day conversation, some shelters may bring dogs to a community park not to schools

3. Updates

- QPR and Be There Certificate: YAC members received this training to identify suicidal behaviors and signs of someone struggling with mental health ways assist peers with support and find resources that can help them.

- YAC members discussed how this helped them identify signs of someone going through a hard time and be there for them. Some members shared their testimonies.
- Council Member Waszczak suggested having subcommittees to work on projects outside of the council and then bring them back to the council
- **Update about Meeting with Martinsville Youth Advisory Committee:**
December 10th Wednesday (5-6) at the Mayor's office

4. Discussion about setting new goals for the YAC and things to consider

- Having an agenda to set goals thought the year
- Identify a target population we want to reach
- Think about what material we will create (a poster, an Instagram reels, posters) and what the purpose of it is.
- Research who we should reach out to ask for support?

5. Discussion about measures we can take in helping the community and bring awareness about ICE?

- Some YAC members suggested having a peaceful protest
- Council Member Waszczak mentioned there was a Counseling service that specializes in working on trauma related to immigration cases and we can think of other things that people need
- Another idea is providing people red cards so they know their rights
- Awareness video idea: Make an Instagram reel informing the community about their rights

- YAC members still have to discuss and decide about some things that we can do as a group

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm