



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Jan 18 @ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Seattle City Hall (600 4th Ave)
Norm B. Rice Room – 7th Floor

Goals for the meeting:

- Get to know each other
- Developing project ideas & communication plan within your committees

Discussion Item:

Committee Work

Public Safety Committee:

Sargent Adrian Diaz joined the committee to discuss potential projects they could work on in partnership with SPD. They would like to raise awareness of the sex-trafficking trade in their schools. Their first step will be to assess how best their peers get information about events, issues, etc.

Action: Clarissa will prepare a survey that can be used in their different schools to learn how youth best receive information. The schools represented by youth commissioners are: Nova, Garfield, Lakeside, Ingraham, Nathan Hale, Chief Sealth, Ballard, South Seattle Community College, UW, and Seattle Central.

Education/Schools:

The group has set up a google doc to keep tabs on project and prepare progress reports. They are very concerned about the budget cuts in SPS and the disproportionate impact these will have on schools that are struggling. They have sent meeting invites to Dwane Chappelle, Director of Department of Education and Early Learning, and Abraham Rodriguez-Hernandez, from SPS to discuss actions that they can take to support closing the achievement gap.

Action: Meet with Dwane Chappelle and Abraham Rodriguez-Hernandez and continue doing research on budget cut implications

Homelessness/Housing Affordability:

The group compiled several articles on a google doc and continues to do research. They would like to do a video project, where they would interview a series of individuals and families who have had different connections to homelessness. They are in the process of putting together a project proposal that includes the following details: why, timeline, intended audience, participants, what.

Action: Prepare project proposal for video project. Meet with Marci Curtin to talk about resources they could use to support project. Contact Kate, from YMCA, to connect with video equipment.

Current Events

James led a discussion about the recent announcement that the City would be opening three more authorized homeless encampments. He talked about the nervousness that many people expressed when Ballard's encampment first opened, and how the community has now come to see the encampment as a valued neighbor.

Wrap Up

Final Call - Youth Action Day (Sunday, Jan 29 & Monday, Jan 30)

Jenny went over the logistics of the Youth Action Day for the five SYC members who would be attending.

Meanwhile, the rest of SYC discussed what they would like to see for future meetings:

"We didn't really seem to need more speakers to come in- each of our commissions have a much clearer idea of what they would like to focus on and bringing in new people and ideas would probably distract us with new information.

We focused instead on individual committees and how we had contacts with certain people that could aid specific committee. James mentioned a few people the education committee could talk to.

We need more time to work and map out our projects and perhaps will meet with more people but on our own time as they won't be relevant to other groups."