

RESOLUTION: To establish a Youth Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership and duties

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it is necessary to create a Rockville Youth Commission to identify, monitor and evaluate youth services, programs, and activities offered in the City of Rockville and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, a Rockville Youth Commission was recommended to be formalized, per the completed 2010-2011 Rockville Youth Commission Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it is necessary to create this Commission to establish a record of youth services offered, where offered, and Rockville resident participation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to develop a communication network to disseminate information about services to young adults, especially athletic, arts, recreational, educational and leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to receive input and support for the City of Rockville's initiatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, that there is a need for a more collaborative relationship between the youth in our community and the City of Rockville, and we hereby create a Rockville Youth Commission with the following membership and duties:

1. That there is hereby established a Rockville Youth Commission for the City of Rockville.
2. Membership
 - a. The Rockville Youth Commission shall consist of up to eleven members, who are either residents of and/or attend high school or Montgomery College in the City of Rockville, and include individual diversity (age, sex, gender, race, nationality, languages), as well as diversity of schools within the city, to reflect an inclusive group representative of the Rockville community and neighborhoods.
 - b. Student appointees to the Rockville Youth Commission shall be 16 to 21 years old.
 - c. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The initial appointment of five members of the Commission will be for two years, the initial appointment of six members will be one year, so as to create staggered terms. Members may be reappointed for one additional 1-year term.
 - d. A member of the Mayor and Council shall serve as Liaison and would provide updates on City issues.

3. Meetings

- a. The Commission shall meet a minimum of seven (7) times per calendar year at a time and place announced to the public.
- b. Commission meetings shall be open to the public.
- c. The Commission may have Work Sessions when called upon by the members or the Chair of the Commission.
- d. Staff support to the Commission may be provided by a City of Rockville department, including support to provide the minutes of meetings, mail handling, and copying services.
- e. All Commission minutes and reports shall be made available to the public. Commission minutes and reports must be accepted and approved by the Commission prior to release. Such meetings shall be open to the public. The Commission may utilize executive sessions when necessary and when allowed by the State Open Meetings Law.

4. Duties of Commission

- a. Develop guidelines and procedures for Commission meetings.
- b. Advise the Mayor and Council:
 - i. reviewing issues relating to programs and services for young adults to include high school and college age.
 - ii. recommending and identifying priorities among programs and services for young adults, and
 - iii. creating a forum for discussions with young adults.
- c. Provide an Annual Report of Commission activities to the Mayor and Council annually for the preceding fiscal year.
- d. The Commission may consider the following activities among its annual duties:
 - 1) Develop recommendations for programs, policies, and any necessary legislation to promote the health and well-being of young adults.
 - 2) Open communications and work with both the public and private sector that provide youth programs and activities to bring forth the concerns of young adults.
 - 3) Work to increase awareness of the political process, including voter registration and voter turnout.
 - 4) Develop a communication network to disseminate information about services to young adults, especially athletic, arts, recreational, educational and leadership opportunities.
 - 5) Increase community engagement and communications with youth, family, and school systems.

- 6) Seek input from youth on City of Rockville issues and their impact on students.
- 7) Support and become involved in City initiatives and outreach to other youth.
- 8) Advise on how the City can support school events, initiatives and advocacy needs.
- 9) Foster engagement with Youth Ambassadors to study issues that impact Rockville and become more involved.
- 10) Increase volunteerism and provide ways to help students to get involved.
- 11) Ensure that the Youth of Rockville are getting effective service delivery of all recreation, including sports/athletics, service programs, and activities.
- 12) Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on City Capital and Operating Budgets dealing with youth programs, services, activities, and support facilities.
- 13) Offer input and support for the City of Rockville's initiatives, including, but not limited to, Voter Registration and turn-out, Vision Zero, Climate Action Plan, and Town Center allure and entertainment.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of November 1, 2021


Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director
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