

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

(YAC)



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18th, 2009

Attendees:

Guests: Ned Rauch-Mannino SEPTA Citizens' Advisory Committee

SEPTA Liaison: Nilda Rivera-Frazier SEPTA Customer Service & Advocacy

Representatives: Philip Dawson-Chair, Jamira Burley-Vice Chair, Marcus McKnight-Secretary, Scott Dubin-Technology Chair, Emily Shaeffer, Erik Virbitsky, Kagiso Reed, Blaise Mannino, Dave Dobkin, Jacob Nussbaum, Dustin Krautter, Matt Zaccagni, Ellen Hwang, Phil Lindsay

New Business

The Youth Advisory Committee formally adopted the minutes from the October 23rd plenary meeting. It was also mentioned that if anyone wanted a copy of any meeting minutes or the by-laws could request it from the secretary.

The Youth Advisory Council welcomed two new members. They are Ellen Hwang from Temple University and Phil Lindsay from Temple University.

Chair's Report:

Phil introduced two new members of the Youth Advisory Council, whose names are mentioned above. He mentioned that the University of Pennsylvania's Peer Advising Program had invited him to speak about the YAC at their orientation session, and that he thought the YAC should begin to cultivate relationships with similar departments at other institutions. In terms of communications, he said that although the YAC's publicity campaign was temporarily interrupted due to the SEPTA strike, it had resumed its activities.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Outreach Subcommittee: We have created a contact list listing roughly about 85% of the high schools and colleges within the region. The Outreach Subcommittee will have its' first major task—giving the transit survey to the members of the City wide Student Government. This will be done so that we can get a sample population of the student riding habits and opinions within the SEPTA service region.

Communications Subcommittee: The YAC logo is still in the design phase and we are in the process of approving a slogan for the YAC to use.

Service Evaluation Subcommittee: The Service Evaluation subcommittee has been working diligently over the past month on their transit survey. In order to have students take this survey, however, it is going to require an official "hand in hand" partnership with SEPTA. In regards to the survey, it has been strongly suggested that we create this survey within our liking and leave it up to the schools to distribute them.

The YAC also discussed and determined that the next plenary meeting will be scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 6 o'clock pm

Submitted By
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