

## **SEPTA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 26, 2010

### **ATTENDEES**

Guests: SEPTA: Brian Anderson; Members of the public: Terry Mele and Romell Calloway

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

Representatives: Philip Dawson-Chair, Jamira Burley-Vice Chair, Marcus McKnight-Secretary, Scott Dubin-Technology Coordinator, John Dao, Dustin Krautter, Anna Stepchin, Gary Thomas, Jonathan Tieu, Matthew Zaccagni

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Chair's Report**

- Mr. Dawson congratulated the progress and success of the efforts of the YAC committee, on occasion of the unofficial first year anniversary of the group's existence.
- Noted that he is proud of the momentum of the committee and that the new members have already brought involvement to the table
- Mr. Dawson went on to announce that the word of YAC is travelling. He announced that he had a phone interview with "Automotive News TV" - a Detroit based online paper. YAC surveys on high-school students helped justify the current generation's view on transit-which was the subject that concerned the interview.
- He also gave the group a heads up regarding future events, one in particular being the University of Pennsylvania's pro-seminar and tour for new students. A sign-up sheet was passed around for any members interested in the yellow-vested event.
- Mr. Dawson concluded his report that the officer elections had to be redone because numbers didn't add up and there was no way to determine if someone had voted more than once.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Outreach & Communications**

Dustin Krautter informed the committee of the success of the Drexel events and that there may even be another "Dragon Expo" for transfer and international students. Dustin also spoke about plans to get a table at Philadelphia's "College on the Parkway" festival geared towards college students. He predicted this would be a good opportunity to show people what YAC does and spread more information regarding SEPTA's services. However, several members mentioned the event has lost its popularity, especially since a concert is no longer part of the festivities. Another upcoming event is the High School Expo, taking place in Temple University's Liacouras Center.

The subcommittee's communications work continues to focus on finding a way to have local newspapers report on the YAC's achievements and progress. David Dobkin volunteered an idea about an article reporting the Philly survey results.

**Service Evaluation**

The service evaluation is starting to develop a survey for suburban riders. Jamira Burley requested that the YAC obtain an organizational chart of all the departments that help run SEPTA—in case YAC wishes to communicate or contact a particular sector with a specific responsibility.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Marcus McKnight got the committee onto the subject of the confusion, difference and importance of the Independence and Convenience Day Passes. Brian Anderson was consulted in reference to when and why the “Zone 1” was created.

Jamira and the committee agreed another “Tour de SEPTA” from SEPTA employees like George Spellman would allow YAC members to broaden their perspectives in understanding SEPTA.

Members agreed and came to the conclusion of maybe having a CAC member in attendance at the monthly meetings to keep a line of communication open between YAC and CAC.

The YAC also discussed and determined that the next that the next plenary meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**SUBMITTED BY**

Anna Stepchin  
Secretary-elect