

**SEPTA Youth Advisory Council**  
Meeting Minutes for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**YAC Members Present:**

Romell Calloway, Chelsea Carman, John Dao, Jesse Hunley, Sharon Li, Dre'quan Taylor, Gary Thomas, Jonathan Tieu, Christie Mast, Marcus McKnight, Nicholas Mutignani, Salomon Moreno-Rosa, Anna Pan, YingYing Shang, Anna Stepchin

**Guests:**

Phil Dawson, CAC  
Andy Sharpe, Communications Director- DVARP

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

**Guest Speaker:** Andy Sharpe, DVARP

Spoke about Delaware Valley Association Rail Passengers (DVARP). Current focus is using online media as a means of collecting voices from PATCO riders. Suggestions and experiences are communicated through blog posts which benefit both the association and riders as this allows for sharing of information. Finished presentation with stress on very true words " The more you know, the better advocate you are!"

**Chair's Report:**

Christie reminded members that the YAC will begin elections for committee chairs. Members need to sign up for a committee and actively participate. Anna will send out an email with the names of those who volunteered for the various committees. Committees will need to meet before the next plenary meeting.

Request made of the YAC to help bring awareness to the IKnowUshould2 campaign. Campaign focuses on promoting STD testing and contraceptive use among young people. V-neck shirts and arm bands were issued so that members could wear the gear and show off that we do know that importance of sexual health amongst our generation. The IKnowUshould2 link should be posted on the YAC Facebook page.

**Subcommittee's Reports:**

All committees are waiting for the process of elections to be complete and plan to hold meetings in October. Minutes from their meetings will be reported next month.

**General Discussion:**

Phil Dawson visited the YAC tonight and discussed his activity with the CAC, reminding that CAC members will be visiting YAC meetings in order to promote transfer of information and ideas between both groups.

Also discussed was the importance of YAC on a regional and national level. Influence has extended to Dallas, Texas which has contacted the SEPTA YAC looking for great ideas for starting a youth ridership program.

Yingying suggested writing an op ed to seek help with SEPTA's financial situations. John shared good news; the Dean of Ursinus asked to have the YAC back for another visit. Nilda reminded everyone to update their biographies.

**Closing Remarks:**

October meeting: Thurs, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Submitted by: Anna Stepchin, Secretary