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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES 1/24/19**

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**I. Call to Order**

- Made by Fred Bowers at 7:04 p.m.
- Present: Fred Bowers, Tim Grabowski, Charlene Pierson-Lassiter, Sewell Rowley, Lucas Brown, D'Shawn Wright, Richard Phillips, Joseph O'Brien, Bonnie Fitz, Michael Wilcox, Rick Smethurst

**II. Opening**

- Tim Grabowski volunteered to be the secretary for the meeting.
- Introduction of the youth commissioner present, Joseph O'Brien.
- Guest Parks and Recreation Staff Speaker: Mr. Michael Wilcox  
He stated he oversees New Quarter Park, Charles Brown Park, and Back Creek Park. He gave us an overview of all of the upcoming programs at New Quarter Park. Some of the programs he covered were Wash and Talk, the Youth Bike Race Series, Easter Egg Scramble, volunteer projects, and more. The volunteer projects he discussed were 2 that Bruton High intended to do at Charles Brown Park and New Quarter Park on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The only question about his position and programs was from Charlene about the prizes for the Easter Egg Scramble. It was stated that non-food prizes were stuffed in the eggs. This is to prevent any issues with participants who have food allergies, it is for a healthier approach than candy, and in case some of the eggs were not located there would be no concern that food in the eggs would attract animals. This prevents any issues with participants who might have food allergies. In addition, if any eggs were not found they would attract animals and using non-food items inside the plastic eggs is a healthier approach than using candy. Bonnie concluded by complimenting Michael for how well he has done in his first year here.

**III. Old Business**

- Approval of minutes  
The November 15, 2019 minutes were approved.
- Dog Park Study Update  
Rick informed us that Chisman Creek was no longer an option since the entire site contains fly ash beneath a protective clay layer that cannot be penetrated by fence posts for a dog park. The same is true for the one option considered at Wolf Trap Park that is right beside the two smaller soccer fields. Lucas mentioned Kiln Creek as our primary option. A brief history of the PRAB's decision making process on the sites was given due to the new members present tonight. It was stated this report will go to the Community Services Director and to the County Administrator. Charlene mentioned that the PETA dog park in Norfolk was one that should be visited. Richard asked about the cost and a brief recap and discussion

followed of the dog park study, and Bonnie offered to meet with our three new members in additional meetings as desired to go over more details of the project.

- Friendly reminder of staff availability to give facility tours both as a group and as individuals. D'Shawn Wright recently toured Charles Brown Park.

#### **IV. New Business**

- Election of Officers- Tim Grabowski was elected as Chairman unanimously. Fred Bowers was elected as Vice Chairman unanimously.
- Parks and Recreation Reviews/Updates
  - Bonnie gave an update on the Capital Improvement Projects completed this year.
  - County Administrator will propose the new CIP to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bonnie discussed the growth of multiple athletic programs: youth basketball (700), Start Smart programs, facility scheduling challenges, etc.
  - The summer construction schedule of the schools was discussed and the impact it would have on Parks and Recreation programs, especially Summer Fun Camp, Special Recreation Camp, and Safety Town. Any assistance from the PRAB with contacts for churches or other locations to consider securing for summer programming was mentioned. D'Shawn said he had an idea in mind and would inquire. D' Shawn also asked if there is a benefit to business and Lucas added that the company can claim credit for donating time. Bonnie discussed the potential requirements the County would need from another agency in order to use their facility and the potential benefits the agency might see from the partnership. It was brought up that these were all great reasons to consider a recreation center in the future.
  - Bonnie applied and received a funded internship position from William and Mary's Community Engagement Office. She gave an overview of the internship role and projects at New Quarter Park in the months of March and April.
  - A summary of work-as-required staff that need to be hired was given for the following: Tennis, Field Supervisors, Summer Fun Camp, McReynolds Athletic Complex Supervisor and Concessions staff, New Quarter Park Supervisors, and the Back Creek Park Tennis office.
- PRAB members were encouraged to seek out and provide community input as well as visit programs.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 9, 2019

1. Call to Order

Carol Scott, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Dee Davis, Secretary, conducted the roll call.

Board members present: Cheryl Nelson Barnard, Lynda Bush, Arlene Connell, Viana Dail, Dee Davis, Brian Fuller, Tom McNamara, Buck Rodgers, Carol Scott, Cynthia Slominski, Betty Titus

Board members not present: Nancy Geary, Bill Massey,

Staff members present: Lynne McMullen, Minnie Sippio, Gerald Patesel

Staff members not present: none

3. Approval of Minutes

Buck Rodgers made a motion to accept the November, 2018 board minutes. Lynda Bush made a second motion. All board members present approved the minutes.

4. Financial Reports

A. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Gerald Patesel provided copies of the monthly financial report from the PAA. Expenditures were as usual.

B. Senior Center of York

Arlene Connell, Treasurer, presented the SCY fiscal reports for November and December activity. Ms. Connell noted the proceeds from all fall craft fundraisers and private donations.

## 5. Committee Reports

### A. Center Facility Operations

Tom McNamara reported there was a purchase of a Christmas tree for the facility. Lynne McMullen said that Portco who provides cleaning for the facilities left a survey asking about their services, and she asked the board members for feedback.

### B. Programs

Carol Scott reported there were 1,411 patron visits in November and 1,110 patron visits December. It was noted that both months have fewer days the SCY is open due to holiday schedules. Ms. Scott reviewed the scheduled activities for January as reported in *The Observer*, SCY monthly newsletter. January Birthday Bash will have Dan Smith performing the entertainment with songs from the 1940s through the 1960s. The War Stories and Pizza program has a full enrollment of twelve veterans to participate over the next few months. Bob Santillan will co-facilitate the group with Buck Rodgers. January 29, will feature a scheduled afternoon of recreational board games and cards. The Body Renewal and Yoga Tai Chi classes continue to register participants. Betty Titus introduced the benefits of multi-generational programming and this initiated discussion by board members for future planning. This month's Culture Day features lifelong resident, Sherman Hill presenting his experiences growing up in Yorktown and the role and accomplishments of prominent African Americans in terms of history, education and sports.

### C. Health Programs

Minnie Sippio reported on health programs. The *Matter of BALANCE* eight-week program begins the afternoon of January 22. The Dining Club served 102 meals in November and 54 meals in December. Ms. Sippio took 7 Dining Club participants to an intergenerational party for seniors and youth with food, games and songs in December. The Dining Club members made beautiful modern swirl painted ornaments, and they took a ride through the community looking at Christmas lights and decorations. The Holiday Safety Tips presentation from the County rescue department included 17 participants. *Grief During the Holidays* session included 7 participants.

Upcoming programs:

- Feb. 8, *Crime & Safety* in York County, a talk with Sheriff Diggs

- Feb. 27, *Managing PAIN from Peripheral Neuropathy*, staff from Orthopaedic & Spine Center presenting
- April 3, *Healthy Aging Conference* in Williamsburg

#### D. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Gerald Patesel mentioned that the Virginia State General Assembly is in session and to call your representatives with concerns. PAA is sending approximately 29 folks from their board to see their representatives. The annual *Forum on Aging* is March 6 from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. at the Hampton Convention Center this year featuring the keynote speaker Sister Madonna Buder the “Iron Nun.” Flyers for the event listing workshops and agenda are available at the SCY. In December the SCY Dining Club won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the “Wacky Wreath” contest. Another PAA sponsored contest was for holiday themed essays. The winning essay was “Gingerbread Man Comes to Life” written by a 94-year-old participant from the Denbigh Dining Club. All participants received prizes. Meals on Wheels served 151 meals during the Thanksgiving holidays and 130 meals on Christmas Day. January 18 and 21 are holiday closings at PAA.

#### E. York County

Brian Fuller reported that the County is at the beginning of the budget process, and on the continuation of relocation of County offices and negotiations of our existing lease.

### 6. Old Business

- The Anniversary Birthday Bash was a fun tribute to the SCY.
- December’s Christmas luncheon was very well attended and well catered.
- The Spring Fundraiser is March 30. Betty Titus, Cheryl Nelson Barnard & Cynthia Slominski are serving on the Drawing Committee and requesting donations from community businesses to sell tickets to win these prizes. Board members were asked to consider baking items to sell. Set up for the Spring Fundraiser will be in Suite #4.
- Valentine BINGO is scheduled for Feb. 15 and may need some assistance from board members in addition to the Youth Commission helping out.

#### New Business

- The Information Technology Department asked the Center about the interest of a “virtual reality” travel experiences and destination program? The board held a discussion about possibilities and concerns. There was a suggestion to hold a demonstration before the actual program began.

- B. The Annual Picnic at the Park is scheduled for May 10.
- C. AARP Tax Service volunteers will be held at the SCY from February 1 through April 13. Times will be listed at the desk and in the Observer.

**7. Information**

- A. Minnie Sippio requested a supplemental \$5 fee for each Dining Club member to support going to the Forum on Aging. Viana Dail made a motion to approve the expenditure and Buck Rodgers made a second motion. All board members approved.

**8. Announcements**

The next SCY Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 13, 2019. A motion to adjourn was made by Viana Dail and the second motion made by Betty Titus.

SENIOR CENTER OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 10, 2018

1. Call to Order

Carol Scott, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Dee Davis, Secretary, conducted the roll call.

Board members present: Arlene Connell, Viana Dail, Dee Davis, Brian Fuller, Buck Rodgers, Carol Scott, Cynthia Slominski, Betty Titus

Board members not present: Cheryl Nelson Barnard, Lynda Bush, Nancy Geary, Bill Massey, Tom McNamara,

Staff members present: Lynne McMullen, Gerald Patesel, and Minnie Sippio

Staff members not present: none

3. Approval of Minutes

Arlene Connell made a motion to accept the board minutes as presented and Viana Dail made a second motion. All board members present approved the minutes.

4. Financial Reports

A. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Gerald Patesel provided the first monthly financial report for the current PAA fiscal year. Mr. Patesel noted that expenditures are as usual.

B. Senior Center of York

Arlene Connell, Treasurer, presented the SCY September fiscal report. Buck Rodgers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Betty Titus made a second motion.

5. Committee Reports

A. Center Facility Operations

In Tom McNamara's absence, Lynne McMullen reported the kitchen floor was identified as needing a treatment to brighten it and a request was made to address the need.

## B. Programs

Carol Scott reported there were 1,777 patron visits in September. Body Renewal exercise classes has an unusually high fall enrollment of 83, with good daily participation. Last month's "Grafton Starbucks Coffee Tasting" event was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Special programs coming up in October include: a "STOP the Bleed" training session conducted by York County Fire and Safety is scheduled for October 10, at 1:00 p.m.; movie afternoon, October 11, featuring the film, "Murder on the Orient Express"; a "Cyber Security Awareness" session presented by Tim Wyatt, York County's Deputy Director of Information Technology is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. October 12; Monday morning craft workshop with Kathy Wahl is October 22, where participants will make paper mache pumpkins; on October 24, flu shots will be given at SCY; Birthday Bash on October 26, features an Elvis Presley impersonator for musical entertainment; the Culture Day on October 31, is a presentation by Michael Steen, Director of Education at the Waterman's Museum, who will share ghost stories and songs from the sea. The SCY War Stories and Pizza veterans group, facilitated by Buck Rodgers, SCY Board Member, is preparing for a "Veterans Day Forum Presentation" in honor of Veteran's Day, where members will share some of their military life experiences.

## C. Health Programs

Minnie Sippio reporting on health programs. The Diabetes Management Workshop has eight interested participants. Three hundred people are registered for the Tuesday, October 16 Safety Summit with twenty-eight vendors participating. A free shredding truck sponsored by AARP will be available from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Attendance at the Dining Club has dropped due to illnesses and some have passed away. An Alzheimer's Community Forum is scheduled for November 27, at Tabb Library from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Forum will offer education and information related to Alzheimer, helpful resources in the community, resources for care consults, respite, support groups and assessments.

## D. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Gerald Patesel reporting for PAA. PAA driver for the Dining Club at SCY "Woody" passed away after 20 years of committed service. PAA Advanced Care Planner, Dave Murray, recently passed away. The Dining Club Program will be making changes to their recruitment activities to make the program more attractive to participate. The PAA has an employment position opening for a nutrition worker. The intergenerational Prom has changed to a Christmas Ball. Mr. Patesel announced the PAA holiday closings.

E. York County

Brian Fuller reported the County is working on their budget. The outdoor summer/fall concert series has ended for the season and Market Days continue on special dates. Mr. Fuller also reported that the County has been working on an office space study and that certain offices will be changing locations.

6. Old Business

- A. Viana Dail reported that the SCY Crafters Fundraiser Sale committee is completing the pricing of items and preparing their mock display set up for their scheduled October 20, Market Day.
- B. The November 16, Birthday Bash is a SCY Anniversary Celebration.
- C. The very popular Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 7 and will use Encore catering services for a traditional turkey holiday dinner. Alex Rotter is the featured musician for entertainment.
- D. SCY Day Trips to Smithfield in September and the Virginia Coral Society concert in October were well attended. Upcoming trips are a Cirque Dreams Holiday show at the Ferguson Center on December 18 and possibly a drive to Williamsburg to see holiday decorations.

New Business

- A. We will not have a December Senior Center Board meeting, but will focus on Christmas Luncheon.
- B. The SCY Spring Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for a TBA date in March.

7. Information Items

8. Announcements

A motion to adjourn was made by Viana Dail and a second motion made by Betty Titus. The meeting ended at 11:10.



SENIOR CENTER OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 14, 2018

1. Call to Order

Buck Rodgers, Co- Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Dee Davis, Secretary, conducted the roll call.

Board members present: Cheryl Nelson Barnard, Lynda Bush, Arlene Connell, Viana Dail, Dee Davis, Brian Fuller, Nancy Geary, Tom McNamara, Buck Rodgers, Carol Scott, Cynthia Slominski, Betty Titus

Board members not present: Bill Massey

Staff members present: Lynne McMullen, and Minnie Sippio

Staff members not present: Gerald Patesel

3. Approval of Minutes

Betty Titus made a motion to accept the October board minutes with a correction to the patron visits to read 1,177. Viana Dail made a second motion. All board members present approved the corrected minutes.

4. Financial Reports

A. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Copies of the monthly financial report for PAA were provided, and expenditures were as usual.

B. Senior Center of York

Arlene Connell, Treasurer, presented the SCY October fiscal report. Ms. Connell indicated the proceeds for the first craft sale fundraiser were deposited. Buck Rodgers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Betty Titus made a second motion.

## 5. Committee Reports

### A. Center Facility Operations

Tom McNamara reported that the kitchen floor is scheduled for a much needed thorough cleaning.

### B. Programs

Carol Scott reported there were 1,726 patron visits in October. Ms. Scott noted the successful and popular special event presentation from members of the SCY War Stories and Pizza group. Buck Rodgers facilitated this program and is forming a new group of members who are interested. Registration for the annual Christmas Luncheon is almost full. Viana Dail coordinated the SCY Crafters fall fundraiser events and reported another successful day of selling handcrafted fabric items at the York County Vintage Marketplace on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This month's AARP Driver Safety Program was canceled due to low class registration. The "Cyber Security Awareness" presentation was noted to be excellent and well attended. Jon Durfee is the entertainer for the November 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash commemorating the SCY 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thursday morning November 29<sup>th</sup>, York County Cooperative Extension Agent, Megan Tierney will facilitate hands on craft workshop, making tabletop wreaths using fresh greenery. Sheri Greenleaf, SCY staff is seeking a donated tree for decorating at the SCY. Weather related closing updates are being reviewed for patrons at the SCY via the Observer and announcements by staff at regular programs.

### C. Health Programs

Minnie Sippio reporting on health programs. "Stop the Bleed" workshop presented by York County Fire and Rescue Dept. was excellent and had 20 in attendance. Workshop leaders guided participants in practice of several skills that will help save lives. Thirty-one persons received flu shots administered by Sentara Health Care. Board members requested

that future flu vaccines specific to seniors be made available if possible. Ms. Sippio will make the request to Sentara. Thirty-one persons attended the “Cyber Security” presentation and remained afterwards with lots of questions that were answered by Tim Wyatt. There is interest in on-going programs in technology presented by Tim Wyatt, Deputy Director of Information Technology. The “Safety Summit” at Northside Church was well attended with 291 participants. A Medicare updates program was presented at the SCY. Board members were interested in updates from Tri-Care during the next Medicare presentation. Upcoming programs include a “Holiday Safety Tips” presentation from York County Fire and Safety Dept. on December 5, and a new “Matter of Balance” workshop is scheduled to begin on Tuesdays in January.

#### D. Peninsula Agency on Aging

Gerald Patesel is attending a re-scheduled PAA Board of Directors November meeting today and has sent in a report for PAA. PAA is supplying 10 dozen ham biscuits to the SCY Anniversary Birthday Bash. A PAA driver will deliver them at 11:30 a.m. Board members noted their gratitude to PAA for their continued support for our special events. The PAA holiday closings are as follows: December 20, 2018 through January 1, 2019. PAA will be delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those Meals on Wheels clients who request a meal. PAA is working with York Co. Meals on Wheels to provide them the meals that they will need. Volunteers from Knights of Columbus will deliver Thanksgiving meals and regular MOW volunteers, staff and others will deliver the Christmas meals.

#### E. York County

Brian Fuller reported a winter forecast for the York County area will be very wintery and to be prepared. The SCY location lease ends next year. York County has been negotiating with the property manager Nusbaum on the center’s new lease, as well as additional spaces for other departments including: Voter Registrar’s office, Virginia Co-operative Extension Office and Parks and Recreation.

### 6. Old Business

- A. The SCY Crafters fall fundraiser committee members were Jeb and Nancy Beaton, Dee Davis, and Viana Dail coordinated three successful events.

The first was a display in October at the York Co. Riverwalk Farmers Market, the second November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the MAC Sports Complex and a third indoor sale day on site at the SCY November 26. Ms. Dail expressed gratitude to York County for support in providing and setting up a tent for two of these events. Ms. McMullen expressed gratitude to the committee and contributing volunteers for their support in the fall fundraiser events.

- B. The November 16, Birthday Bash will need support from PAA, board members and the line dancer volunteers.
- C. The very popular Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 7 and will use Encore catering services for a traditional turkey holiday dinner. Alex Rotter and his students will be providing entertainment. Body Renewal classes are canceled that day in order to set up early Friday morning for this big event.
- D. A Spring Fundraiser is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Betty Titus, Cheryl Nelson Barnard and Cindy Slominski are volunteering to form the Drawing Committee which helps to get donations for prizes.

#### New Business

- A. The annual Valentine Bingo event will be scheduled for either February 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

#### 7. Information Items

- A. The December Board meeting is canceled.

#### 8. Announcements

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019.

A motion to adjourn was made by Viana Dail and a second motion made by Cheryl Nelson Barnard. The meeting ended at 11:05.

YORK/POQUOSON  
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
January 16, 2019

PRESENT: Roy Staton, Vice-Chairperson  
Anne Smith  
Andrew Engemann  
Vivian McGettigan  
Madonna Kreiger  
Patti Alderman, Administrative Services Manager  
Rick Verilla, Assistant Director  
Kimberly Irvine, Director  
William Hefty, Board Attorney

ABSENT: Karen Brown, Chairperson  
Melissa Magowan  
Tom Little, Analyst  
Jo Johnson, Assistant Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

There was a motion by Andrew Engemann to appoint Anne Smith as Chairperson for this meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Motion was seconded by Madonna Kreiger. All approved; motion passed. Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**ORDERING OF THE AGENDA:**

There was no re-ordering of the Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no period of public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Andrew Engemann and seconded by Madonna Kreiger to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018, meeting. All approved; motion passed. (Mr. Roy Staton arrived at 9:10am and resumed the duties of Chair for the remainder of the meeting)

**STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:**

Brooke Wright, Benefit Programs Supervisor, introduced the newest staff member LaCresha Williams. Ms. Williams will serve as office support in the Benefit Programs area. The Board welcomed Ms. Williams to the Agency.

The Director requested that Ms. Wright inform the Board about the procedures for the SNAP program due to the Federal Shut-down. Ms. Wright said that the Agency was notified after hours on Friday

January 11<sup>th</sup> that all interim reports and renewals must be processed by midnight on February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no more SNAP benefits issued in February 2019. Currently, benefits will be issued on a day-by-day basis. There is no guarantee that SNAP applications received after January 15, 2019, will be processed. TANF and Medicaid benefits are not to be affected at this time. As a side note, those clients applying for medical benefits through the Federal Marketplace are automatically being evaluated for the new Medicaid Expansion program (an increase of 791 cases in York; 120 for Poquoson). We are also currently receiving applications for the CRISIS program of the Energy Assistance Program (which means there must be a cut-off notice). These clients will still be processed normally. If a furloughed worker applies for CRISIS, the application is based on income at the point of application. If back-pay is reinstated, it does not affect the benefits received.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Linda Faircloth and Candace Mickelborough (Child Welfare Family Services Supervisors) presented to the Board information on the Child Protective Services unit. The first item presented is the Substance-Exposed Infant (SEI) Decision Tree Tool. This decision tool is directly from the Child & Family Services Manual for the Virginia Department of Social Services. This process helps determine whether or not a child is affected by the exposure to substance abuse (in-vitro or otherwise) and the services that will be provided. The second item is the Domestic Violence Decision Tree Tool (also from the C&FS Manual, State DSS). This tool helps identify families affected by domestic violence, and plans of action to assist the families. Ms. Irvine commented that the State is not currently providing adequate training for workers to deal with domestic violence training. There is a training soon to be offered through the Child Welfare League dealing with domestic violence in Arkansas. Ms. Irvine asked if the Board had any objection to sending workers out of state for this much-needed training, and the Board unanimously agreed that this would be a good option for our workers.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Alderman reviewed the expenditure summaries included in the Board book.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Irvine presented the Board meeting schedule, and asked the Board to confirm the scheduled Board meetings for 2019. A motion was made by Anne Smith to cancel the February 20<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup> meetings in 2019. Motion was seconded by Andrew Engemann. All approved; motion passed. Calendar for Board meetings will be updated.

#### **STATISTICAL REPORTS:**

There were no questions regarding the statistical reports within the Board books.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

No update on the Strategic Plan.

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

Mr. Verilla had no reports at this time.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Irvine spoke about legislative issues coming up in the General Assembly concerning Social Services. Discussion circled around the proposal to move the Child Care Program (eligibility determination and licensing) to move under the Department of Education.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD**

No specific matters presented by the Board.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No closed session required at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Smith and seconded by Madonna Kreiger. All approved; motion passed. Next meeting: March 20, 2019.

**York County Youth Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
Public Safety Meeting Room

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Vice Chairman Camryn Camarata.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Skyla Bailey, Camryn Camarata, Leilani Gantt, Wei Li, Emily Lopez, Aidan Quick, Jacob Rizzio

Commissioners Absent: Emma Donatelli, Joselyn Jones, Landyn Kopczynski, Joseph O'Brien, Krupa Patel, Kylie Sommer-Kohrt, Anna Vargas, Max XO

Others Present: Mr. Chad Green, Mr. Dominique Green, Ms. Lynne McMullen, Mr. Rick Smethurst

Note: Because of the unusual number of absences due to sickness and an athletic event, the necessary quorum of eight commissioners present was not met. Therefore, no decisions/votes were called for. However, the meeting was held and minutes taken.

**Meeting Topics:**

While waiting for the Guest Speaker to arrive, Mr. Smethurst encouraged each committee to meet outside its regular meeting time as needed, and to let he and Ms. McMullen know so they can plan to attend as many as they can. He also shared about the survey being revised and that it is now tentatively planned for a February timeframe. He also mentioned his intent to communicate with the principals more and he brought a Virginia Gazette article on Juuls and other e-cigarettes for those present to look at.

Ms. McMullen discussed the Senior Center of York Valentine Bingo Party, which will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15. Traditionally, YCYC volunteers would be calling numbers, handing out prizes, food, etc. This would be a fun and enjoyable event to help youth connect with seniors and other members of the community. She also spoke about the possibility of having commissioners and other youths come to the center to assist seniors with technology and understanding how to use smart phones, tablets, and other devices as well as social media platforms such as Facebook.

Mr. Smethurst also discussed the Outstanding Youth Award Nominations. He then shared that the YCYC's Board of Supervisor Representative, Mr. Chad Green, was elected to be the Board's Vice Chairman for 2019.

**Guest Speaker:**

Mr. Green updated the commissioners on his efforts to secure another trip to the General Assembly and perhaps meet with state officials. This was proving more difficult than last year since this year is a compressed "short session" and generally harder for officials to

find the time to schedule private meetings with the YCYC and others. Mr. Green then introduced our Guest Speaker, his longtime friend Mr. Dominique Green. They met about twenty years ago when Mr. Chad Green worked for the Newport News Mayor's Youth Commission and Mr. Dominique Green served as a high school youth commissioner for three years. Mr. Dominique Green is now among other things, a business owner and consultant, and most recently ran for Mayor of Newport News.

Mr. Dominique Green opened by encouraging the commissioners present that as volunteers they were already helping to make a positive difference. He mentioned that in his generation the major issue was poverty, and that it has actually shown signs of improving over the years in this country. He then talked about some of the other major challenges facing the YCYC's generation now, such as urbanization, mental health, bullying, opioids, social media, and e-cigarettes. He also talked about the important topics regarding the futures of the commissioners, including self-assessment, goals, intentionality, helping others, doing what we can when we can, and focusing on the positives around us rather than the negatives. The members present then enjoyed a Q&A session with him. The commissioners asked various questions and received valuable and detailed answers.

At 7:25 p.m. the commissioners applauded the guest speaker and began their pizza break.

**Committee Matters:**

Commissioners Emma Donatelli, Krupa Patel, Max XO, and Skyla Bailey shared about their meeting together for the Public Relations Committee on December 20. They came up with several ideas and just need to solidify and enact these ideas.

The commissioners were dismissed to quickly communicate with their committees and set up any new meetings together.

**Adjournment:**

Camryn asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leilani made a motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next monthly meeting of the York County Youth Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at the Fire and Life Safety Meeting Room.