

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – JUNE 8 2016**  
**CITY HALL, ROOM 2000**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Natnael Adere	Rose Dawson	Gerald Mann
Robin Blair	Kate Garvey	Tammy Mann
Ronnie Campbell	Ramee Gentry	Gwen Mullen
Councilman John Chapman	Gwendolyn Lewis	Brian Orrenmaa
William Chesley	Melissa Little	Sonia Price
Julie Crawford	Mike Mackey	Eric Williams

**Excused Absent**

Councilman Will Bailey	Edward O’Keefe	Michael Suppa
J. Glenn Hopkins	Michele Smith-Howard	

**Unexcused Absent**

Giselle Brown	Carlos Suber	Kendalee Walker
Joyce Rawlings		

**Staff**

Jacqueline Coachman	Barbara Farrington	Jonathan Leonberger
Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier	Deborah Warren

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DRAFT MAY MINUTES**

Rose Dawson and Mike Mackey noted revisions that were necessary to the draft minutes. Mr. Mackey made the motion to approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Councilman John Chapman and approved unanimously.

**ELECTION OF THE NEW FY 2017 CHAIR-ELECT**

Rose Dawson, Co-Chair of the Outreach and Membership Committee, explained the position of Chair Elect alternates between City Council and School Board appointees. The next Chair-Elect is slated to be a School Board appointee and Michael Suppa, an ELL teacher at John Adams, submitted his resume for consideration. Because of a death in the family, Mr. Suppa was not in attendance but tendered a letter expressing his interest. There being no nominations from the floor, Mr. Suppa was unanimously elected as the next Chair-Elect by general consensus.

**PRESENTATION ON DRAFT CHILDREN AND YOUTH WELL-BEING DATA PROFILE 2016**

Jonathan Leonberger made a Power Point presentation on the draft *Children and Youth Well-Being Data Profile*, which features data from the *Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)* and the *Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey* as well as other sources. Ramee Gentry inquired about the participation rates for both surveys, which Mr. Leonberger indicated were very high. Ron. Frazier noted that while many jurisdictions use sampling, Alexandria strives to survey the vast majority of students. Mr. Mackey convened a public safety group to look at data

such as that for runaways. He asked if there is a way the profile can be linked to the strategies and action steps of the *Children and Youth Master Plan*. Kate Garvey suggested linking data to the CYMP strategies may be helpful in the assessment of impact. Chair Tammy Mann recommended the CYMP Status Report reference data presented in the profile. There being no further discussion, Ms. Gentry moved approval of the *Children and Youth Well-Being Data Profile*. The motion was seconded by Sonia Price and passed unanimously.

#### **UPDATE ON CHILDREN & YOUTH MASTER PLAN PROGRESS**

The report *Children & Youth Master Plan Implementation Status* (June 8, 2016) documented the activities various entities have put in place with regard to CYMP action steps. In addition, each member of the Implementation Monitoring Committee (Gwen Mullen, Gwen Lewis, Robin Blair, and Melissa Little) provided an update on the goal groups as well as relevant activities of the Parent Leadership Training Institute.

#### **DISCUSSION OF JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION JUNE 22**

The meeting will bring together members of the City Council and School Board to consider care and education, and out-of-school time issues.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/PLANS**

Vice-Chair Eric Williams provided the report of the Ad Hoc Housing Committee. The one-pager developed by the Office of Housing will be widely distributed to community and faith-based organizations. A letter that will accompany the one-pager was presented to commissioners for review. In addition, the committee has been asked to submit a letter in support of the St. James affordable housing development, which is on the agenda of the City Council meeting of June 18. Lastly, the committee will be submitting an op-ed on affordable housing to *The Gazette*.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mike Mackey announced the soccer tournament at George Washington Middle School – an initiative of the Gang Prevention Community Task Force -- that will feature two teams from five jurisdictions. He also noted a training event sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General, Virginia Gang Investigator Association, and the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force titled “Community Gang Awareness”.

Jacqueline Coachman shared the establishment of a collaboration of city agencies and nonprofits targeted to the youth of the Uptown/Parker-Gray neighborhood, particularly youth who reside in public housing. A proposal has been developed that will be submitted to a number of foundations.

Deborah Warren announced four Project Discovery students were awarded scholarships of \$4,000 by ARServices. The scholarships, in addition to book scholarships, were presented at a reception at City Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.