



# Lowell City Council

## *Youth Services SC Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 24, 2022  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom(Hybrid)

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were C. Robinson, C. Gitschier and C. Yem. Also present Peter Faticanti (Lowell Rec); Kaitlyn Hickey (Lowell Rec); and Devin Gilmore (Zoom-Health).

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

C. Robinson called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and the purpose of meeting.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Robinson noted that there are many resources available and that it is vital to have organizations communicate so that those resources can be best utilized by most people. C. Gitschier commented on the many programs and resources and indicated that there must be constant communication and sharing of these resources including email lists of the many organizations. C. Robinson introduces representatives of the Recreation Department. Ms. Hickey commented on job openings in the department including lifeguards. Ms. Hickey outlined the application process and the interview process as well as the salary structure. Mr. Faticanti noted that programs were in all sections of the City so that transportation needs could be addressed. Mr. Faticanti noted the salaries for managers and lifeguards. C. Robinson indicated that there was an information brochure provided by the department. Ms. Hickey outlined that brochure and how it was organized and distributed. Mr. Faticanti commented on City website as well as Facebook page to get information.

C. Robinson opened hearing up to public: Heather Donovan (MassHire); Lisa Ansara (Lowell Youth Leadership); Andy Lopez (Lowell Youth Leadership); Reoun Chan (Lowell Youth Leadership); Olu Ibrahim (Zoom-Kids in Tech); Devin Gilmore (Zoom-Health); Lexis Cox (Young Ideas Project); Ryan Rourke (Baseball Groups); Maria Claudio (Clemente League); Betsy (Open Pantry – Lowell Community Facebook Page); Anna LeMay (Centralville Baseball League); Kelly



Ashe (Centralville Baseball League); Matt LeLacheur (Pawtucketville Youth Organization); Yun-Joi Chou (Coalition for a Better Acre); Keith Rudy (Lowell Police League – Boxing); Amanda Sullivan (CTI); Mr. Mitchell (Lowell Flag Football League); and Latifah Phillips (Lowell Schools).

C. Robinson reiterated the need to work together for common goal. C. Gitschier noted the need to modernize and upgrade fields to attract tournaments. C. Yem noted the need to create a Youth Commission in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. **Motion** by C. Yem, seconded by C. Gitschier to recommend to full Council to establish a Youth Commission in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Gitschier noted that communication is a big part of any success and that school personnel should be involved with process. **Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Robinson to request School Department develop email lists for notification purposes regarding numerous hirings and programs. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to Adjourn by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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