

# Northampton Youth Commission

Co-Chairs: Elijah Bacal and Dahlia Breslow

Meeting Notice  
2nd Floor Hearing Room, Northampton City Hall  
AND  
Online Video Conference (Zoom)

Meeting Date: February 8, 2023

Meeting Time: 7 PM

## Instructions for joining the virtual meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/noho-youth-commission>

*Procedural note: Due to time constraints, discussion items may be postponed to future meetings.*

## Items for discussion:

1. Welcome + intros
2. VOTE on whether to approve [minutes](#) from previous meeting
3. City Council update from Maisie (Maisie will update the full group on the proceedings at the most recent City Council meeting, which she attended or watched the recording of)
4. Current events update:
  - a. Reparations
  - b. Electricity
  - c. Forbes Library Toiletries Drive
5. Full group splits off into working groups
  - a. Outreach
    - i. Discuss mission statement: The Outreach working group will increase awareness of city politics, current issues, and opportunities for involvement, while building communication with young people (especially middle school students)
    - ii. Start on drafting language for an informational post about the resilience hub or the marijuana cap
    - iii. What mediums/platforms should we employ beyond social media?
  - b. Housing

- i. Review for potential new group members what zoning is, what the special permit is, and what the Youth Commission's proposals are
- ii. Review of recent emails sent out by the group, responses
  - 1. Emails to downtown Northampton Association, Chamber of Commerce
  - 2. Email draft template for emailing City Councilors
- iii. Elijah will solicit group feedback on the presentation he made to give during meetings with Councilors, local leaders, etc about Youth Commission's zoning proposal
  - 1. How could the presentation be improved in terms of clarity, ability to convince?