

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: May 17, 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 they attended or watched the recording of)
4. Elections for Interim Chair(s)
 - a. Nominations
 - b. VOTE to elect Interim Chair(s)
5. Elections for YC representative to the Commission to Investigate Racial Harms
 - a. Nominations
 - b. VOTE to select representative
6. Working Group updates
 - a. Housing? (potential update on recent meetings and conversations with Jim Nash, Claudio Lefko)
7. Haliyah and Amelia will provide update on women's issues forum scheduled in May, talk about how Youth Commission members can attend and help spread the word
8. Split off into breakout groups:
 - a. Housing/Climate and Sustainability
 - i. Recap meetings with Amy Cahillane, Vince Jackson, Climate Emergency Coalition

- ii. Elijah will recap Montview walking tour with Alex Jarrett, Claudio Lefko, talk about plan to write two columns in the Gazette this spring about zoning
 - 1. Potentially assign out writing-related tasks to other members
 - iii. Decide on next people in the City to reach out to and meet with about zoning proposal
 - iv. Prepare slides and assign roles for potential upcoming meetings
 - v. Begin thinking about transitioning housing working group leadership, holding meetings with City Councilors and other allies and experts during summer to transfer over institutional knowledge
 - vi. Drafting Gazette column on zoning in summer/fall
- b. Outreach
- i. Split into pairs: Each pair will begin process of researching and drafting a short informational (and unbiased) social media post about one of the following topics
 - 1. New superintendent (and what the superintendent does)
 - 2. Cannabis cap
 - 3. Community + Resilience Hub
 - 4. Electric school vehicles in the Pioneer Valley