



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Community Engagement & Inclusion Committee

Councillor Colon Hayes, Chair

Councillor Taylor, Vice-Chair

Councillor Simonelli

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room #105
215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Councillor Karen Colon Hayes and Ari Taylor

Absent: 1 - Chris Simonelli

Also Present:

Members of the MYC:

Benny Mei, Devyn DiMarco, Serena Lama, Tenzin Thamchoe, Sophia Tran,
Giuliannah Dormevil, Kidus Tsigie

Councillor Colon Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and acted as clerk for the meeting.

Councillor Taylor recorded the meeting for the purpose of keeping accurate minutes.

Minutes to be Approved

Business

The CEIC committee will meet with the Malden Youth Council to establish the goals for the MYC moving forward.

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Councillor Colón Hayes suggested the MYC member view a brief video (5 minutes) from the Attorney General's Office describing what constitutes a public body for a learning exercise on if the MYC meets this criteria. Councillor Taylor suggested we move along for fear of time constraints. We asked for a show of hands and it was a tie with Councillor Colón Hayes making the decision to go with Councillor Taylor's suggestion of moving on to business.

Councillor Colón Hayes began a recap of what we were going to be discussing in the meeting. Councillor Taylor brought up voiced concerns about possible breaking of OML with emails and stating she was uncomfortable to the point of quitting (please check on exact wording- I can't remember if you said quitting or removing yourself or both) around sending a group text to the MYC Council reminding them to check their emails and the date of the next meeting.

Councillor Colón Hayes stated that the members all checked off the box on the applications saying it was ok to text at the number provided and it was limited to just reminders of meeting dates and that was not a breach of OML- and in any case they

aren't subjected to OML because they are not a public body.

After a discussion, Councillor Colón Hayes said she would not want to make Councillor Taylor uncomfortable so she reminded the MYC there would be no more text reminders so they needed to be sure to check emails often to be sure they didn't miss any news.

We discussed expanding the agendas for clarity. Devyn asked how they could ask for items to be placed on the agenda. Councillor Taylor said items should be emailed to the chair by Wednesday so they will be ready for the clerk to post on Thursday. Agendas are posted each Thursday on the city Website for meetings on the following Tuesday.

Councillor Colón Hayes reported she reached out to a few other Youth Councils and community groups to see if they had a template we could follow. The people who returned the call do not have youth members sign a permission slip so we will draft our own.

We moved on to reviewing the Boards, Commission and Committees listed on the City Website. Councillor Colón Hayes read from the descriptions and we discussed the descriptions and answered questions. After discussion, Councillor Taylor suggested they take some time to think things over and reach out if they have any questions. Councillor Colón Hayes will draft a letter to send to the Boards/Commission letting them know they may have one of the MYC members attend their meetings and take notes to report back to the CEIC. This way MYC members can attend more than one meeting and be recognized as one of the MYC members.

Councillor Taylor discussed some goals she would like see at our meetings. A talk on social media presence among other issues. We chose a date for a tour of City Hall which will take place on January 8th 4:00PM before we begin the CEIC meeting.

We discussed our future meeting schedules. Councillor Colón Hayes reminded that we did decide that Wednesdays worked best for most and that she would clerk the meetings so as not to burden our clerk on an off night. We talked about the need to schedule the rooms in advance, but they should understand things may change based on other committee meetings. Since it is a Wednesday, we shouldn't have an issue. Next meetings discussed were: Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30PM and Wednesday December 18th at 5:30PM we will confirm with our clerk.

Other Business

Tabled Papers

- [277-24](#) Minutes of April 9, 2024 to be approved.
- [279-24](#) Minutes of June 12, 2024 to be approved.
- [306-24](#) Minutes of June 18, 2024 to be approved.
- [398-24](#) Minutes of October 16, 2024 to be approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.