



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final Community Engagement & Inclusion Committee

Councillor Colon Hayes, Chair
Councillor McDonald, Vice-Chair
Councillor Spadafora

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 108
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Present: 3 - Councillor Karen Colon Hayes, Councillor Carey McDonald and Craig Spadafora

Minutes to be Approved

Business

The CEIC will meet with Councillor McDonald and Councillor Spadafora, newly assigned members to the committee for an update on what has been done the past year and moving forward with business for CEIC and Malden Youth Council in 2025. The committee will also discuss the Land Acknowledgement read at the start of the City Council Meetings with the MYC.

The MYC will continue the discussion on a youth summit and a social media presence.

Councillor Colon Hayes provided an update for the new members Councillors McDonald and Spadafora on including the Malden Youth Council's activities, progress and upcoming meetings. She discussed the importance of ensuring everything is done correctly as the council becomes more active.

The Malden Youth Council is planning a summit on April 23rd, where they will practice using City Council chambers and invite youth and directors from various schools. They aim to share their experiences and encourage more youth participation. They have been actively reaching out to departments and nonprofit groups, attending meetings, and providing updates. They were recently asked to serve as a focus group for the open space and art project, which went very well. The goal of the summit is to showcase the experiences of the Malden Youth Council members, share what they have learned, and encourage more youth from different schools to join and participate in the council's activities.

Councillor McDonald discussed the land acknowledgment text and the need for public input. They emphasized the importance of recognizing indigenous history and contributions in the city and supporting current indigenous leadership.

Councillor Colon Hayes expressed the desire to have more community meetings and

gather input on various topics, such as the ADU zoning and other hot topics for the City Council. They aim to involve the community more in their discussions. She informed the new members that the Malden Youth Council is interested in establishing a social media presence to reach out to their peers and share updates. They discussed the need for guidelines and the involvement of city staff to ensure proper management.

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.
- [485-24](#) Minutes of December 11, 2024 to be approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Spadafora, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:44 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

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