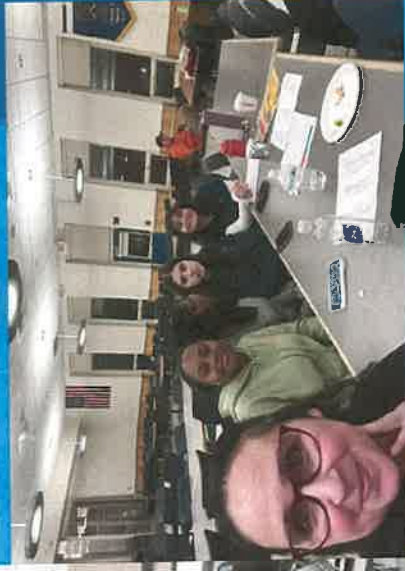


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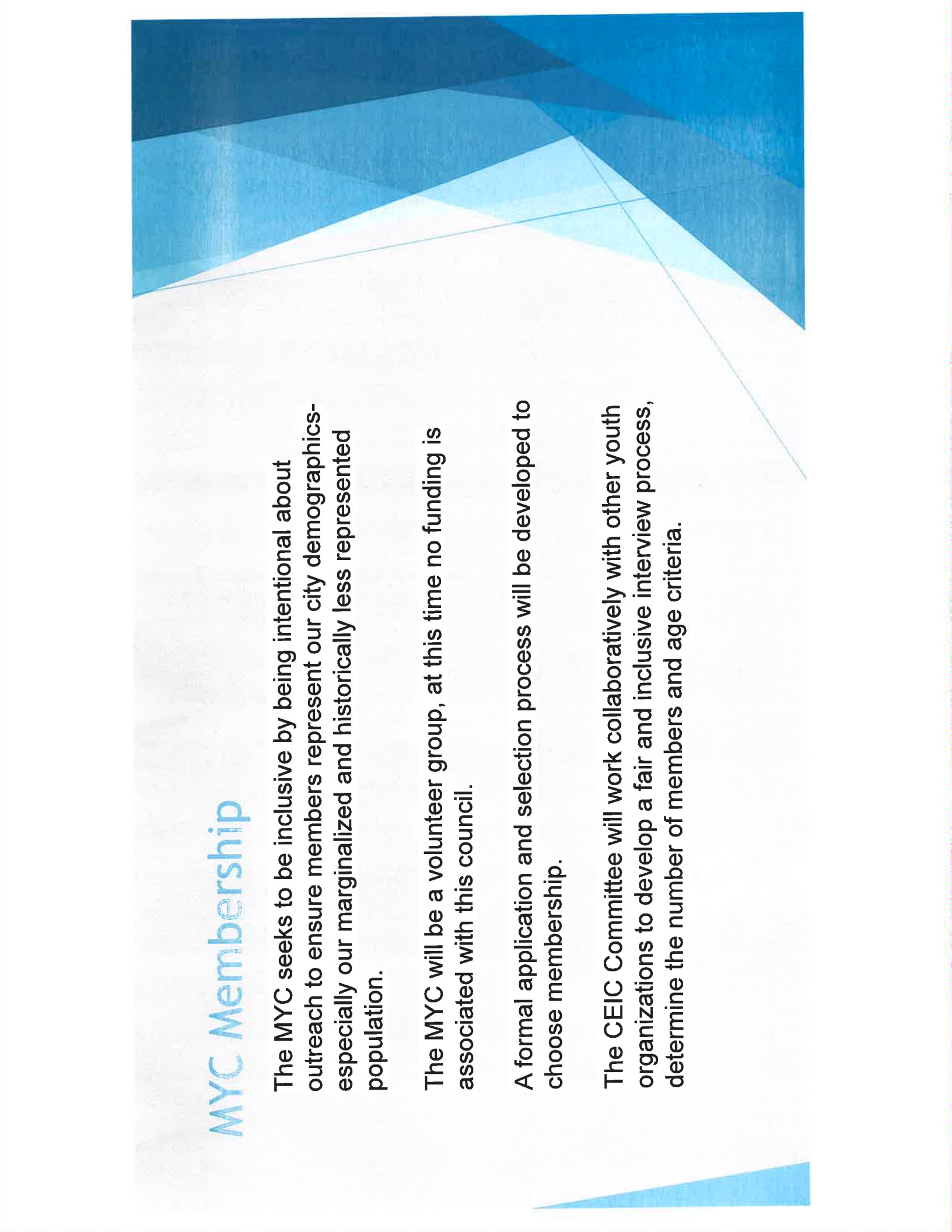
Community Engagement & Inclusion Committee: This committee seeks to broaden community input in key decisions referred by the City Council through forums, surveys and other actions. Review Language Access and DEI initiatives by the City, and encourage youth to be engaged in civic life.

Malden Youth Council (MYC): This council seeks to uplift youth voices and increase civic engagement. The council will work collaboratively with other Malden Youth Groups, Schools, and Elected Officials. The purpose of this group is to actively engage in city government by being a liaison to selected Boards and Commissions and implementing projects that will benefit the community at large. Members will represent a cross-section of Malden demographics.

The goal is to provide updates to city council without adding additional work

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MYC Membership

The MYC seeks to be inclusive by being intentional about outreach to ensure members represent our city demographics—especially our marginalized and historically less represented population.

The MYC will be a volunteer group, at this time no funding is associated with this council.

A formal application and selection process will be developed to choose membership.

The CEIC Committee will work collaboratively with other youth organizations to develop a fair and inclusive interview process, determine the number of members and age criteria.

Liaison Positions

Having liaison positions greatly benefits the Youth Council for various reasons, mainly consisting of:

- It allows members of the council to communicate with and advocate for the Youth Council with other town boards, committees, and councils
- It allows members to transmit important information to and from their liaison positions to the Youth Council
- It gives members opportunities to give presentations on the overviews of their liaison positions at our meetings
- It allows members to influence the decision making and communication process of the council regarding details that their board, commission, or council works with

FOR REFERENCE:

Wakefield's Background & Vision

Goals:

The Wakefield Youth Council is a platform for Wakefield residents ages 13-18 to serve as youth leaders empowered to share policy ideas and youth comment in the community.

Wakefield Youth Council members will:

- learn the process to effectively advocate
- be engaged in town issues
- actively participate in local government
- communicate and advocate for youth issues in the appropriate forum(s)
- represent a cross-section of the town's neighborhoods, sexes, races/ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ages
- implement projects that will benefit the town's youth population, schools, and the community at large

Wakefield Youth Council Expectations

As a fully-appointed committee of the Town, Youth Council Members will:

- Meet at least monthly in duly posted meetings.
- Maintain meeting minutes
- Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk
- Create Agendas including public participation so any non-member youth or adults can present issues for the Council's consideration
- Assign liaisons to other Town Committees or Departments Report at least annually to the Town Council on activities.
- Invite town leaders to their meetings to engage in conversation regarding Town government issues and process.

Other City Examples

Cambridge Youth Council <https://sites.google.com/view/cambridge-youth-council/>

Framingham <https://www.framinghamma.gov/2789/Youth-Council>

Wakefield <https://www.wakefield.ma.us/youth-council>

Northborough town.northborough.ma.us/youth-commission

Newton www.newtonma.gov/government/health-human-services/youth-services/youth-commission

<https://www.northamptonma.gov/1102/Youth-Commission>

<https://www.cityofmelrose.org/substance-abuse-prevention-coalition/pages/youth-action-team>

Dedham <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/youth-commission>

- Next Steps:

- Continue to work on details
 - work with MTEC for possible Youth Summit to engage more youth
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