

# MINUTES

## Moline Commission on Youth

Thursday, April 20, 2017

4 p.m.

Moline Public Library (Platinum Room)

3130 41<sup>st</sup> Street

Moline, IL 61265

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting began at 4:01 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call of Members

Commissioners Present: Greg Masias, Lynne Meeske, Elizabeth Finch, Janet Zam, Jan Erikson-Vroman and Jane Koenig

Commissioners Absent: Greg Johnson

Staff: Alison Fleming and Elizabeth McKenzie

Guest: Alderman Quentin Rodriguez

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Zam made a motion to approve the March 16, 2017 minutes and Commissioner Masias seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

### 4. Presentations

Angela Baker spoke on behalf of Moline High School Project Graduation that will be held at Two Rivers YMCA on Friday, June 2, 2017. Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol and drug-free party exclusively for graduating Moline seniors. They are requesting a donation from the Youth Commission to assist in purchasing entertainment, food and prizes for the event.

Joe Ehlers and Robin Heiar spoke on behalf of the Moline High School Special Education Vocational Program. The program teaches students with disabilities work skills (such as cleaning, packaging and customer service) and daily living skills. They are requesting a donation to assist in purchasing supplies to enhance the Learning Grounds Café. The Café is located at Moline High School and provides an on-campus work training site for the development of essential work skills. Currently, the Café sells coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate and tea. They are requesting a donation to assist in purchasing a portable ice maker and a small freezer or refrigerator/freezer. The equipment would help expand their product line to include iced drinks and enhance the students' skills.

### 5. Donations

Commissioner Koenig made a motion to donate \$300 to Moline High School Project Graduation and Commissioner Finch seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Elizabeth McKenzie will prepare a voucher and issue the donation.

Commissioner Masias made a motion to donate \$400 to the Moline High School Education Vocational Program and Commissioner Meeske seconded. Motion

unanimously carried. Elizabeth McKenzie will prepare a voucher and issue the donation.

**6. Discussion with Alderman Rodriguez**

Alderman Rodriguez stated he reviewed the Moline Code of Ordinances in regards to the Commission and was in attendance to discuss their functions and duties as stated in the Code. Alderman Rodriguez wants to see more involvement from the Commissioners and for them to volunteer their time, not just issue monetary donations to youth programs in the City.

Commissioners stated they have volunteered at events in the past and do outreach to support organizations that benefit Moline youth in every age group. Commissioners encouraged Alderman Rodriguez to get the word out to community groups in need of funding and requested their budget and membership level be reviewed.

Alderman Rodriguez suggested the Commissioners coordinate programs and partner with the school district to provide kids with an overview of government and combat prescription drug use in schools.

**7. Other—None**

**8. Public Comment—None**

**9. Adjournment**

Commissioner Koenig made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Meeske seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Elizabeth McKenzie, Staff Liaison  
Moline Commission on Youth