

North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, April 24, 2023 / 6:00 pm

Location: Flint Memorial Library

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair		Lil Hartman, Director of Public Services
Jason Slattery, Vice-Chair (remote)		
Beatriz Vautin, Secretary		
	Frank Ferraro	
	Jodi Sponzo	
	Amy DiChiara	
Alexis Arsenis		

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Review of Minutes.** March 27, 2023 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

3. **Old Business.**

- a. Space needs – at the last meeting we discussed what we would want in a teen space but didn't include any square footage. On April 5, staff from all departments met to go over space and our ideas from the March meeting were presented there. Most groups wouldn't have dedicated space with the exception of toddlers, a quiet lounge, supportive day for seniors who can't be home alone all day, and youth. Overall space is 40,000 sq ft, youth space is approximately 1200 sq ft. (50x25). There would be shared office space with one shared receptionist, including one for Youth Services Director big enough for the director and 2 guests. Lillian will also have a space there; 6 total private offices, and then open office space and cubes. There is no current location for the building; it will go to the building planning committee to find space to build it. Lillian is using the plans from the Randolph location that she has visited as a template. Randolph doesn't let anyone under 60 in the building during the day which is how they were able to save on the space needed... parks and rec would not be able to run programs during this model. Lillian showed the slides that were presented at the April 5 meeting to the present members. Boston Public Library and Andover youth centers are also models of room space but they are larger than 1200 sq ft.. Jay raised the point that while it is nice to be realistic with ask Lillian should keep in mind that if you do that and are too accurate it may be cut to smaller than what we wanted/needed.

Should the day program have a shower in case anyone has an accident. Refrigeration for their medications, first aid supplies available.

- b. Survey: We looked at some of the questions we discussed last time for the survey. Coming out of Covid has made it hard to show whether the programming is being used and needed. We need to continue looking at the programming offered by all the depts in town to determine

which would be most needed for Youth Services to offer. Nancy Ursino from the Parks and Recreation Department will attend the May meeting to talk to us about what programs Parks and Recreation offers.

- c. Reality fair: About 111 students came through the reality fair on April 12. Overall it was a successful day. There was a picture of the day in the version of the Transcript that will come out this week.

4. New Business.

5. Time for questions, clarification, and brainstorming.

6. Set date for next meeting.

Chair Majane adjourned the meeting.


Next meeting: May 15, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Documents/Handouts

March 2023 Minutes

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Minutes Approved on Date