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Youth Commission
May 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were: Gavin Farrell, Zhenzhen Zhang, Heidi Wickersham, Ellie Lesser, Chris Bauge, Agnes Shen and Joanna Tzouvelis.

In total we received 34 responses to our survey. Responses were entirely from parents, many of middle school aged kids, and most were from affluent households.

Heidi noted three themes that came through survey responses:

Space: Some favored a youth center or space for kids to gather, while others mentioned better outdoor park spaces, or a skatepark.

Volunteer opportunities: Zhenzhen mention a central hub where opportunities could be posted

While only mentioned by one respondent, advocating for the right to vote in town elections for youth aged 16 was considered an idea worth pursuing.

It was decided that a follow up to the survey, we would create brief mission statement for each of these three themes to aid in gathering more feedback from the community.

Belmont Times – The Commission unanimously voted to approve expenses for the Belmont Times as follows:

\$60 for Gift cards

\$7.99 for Photo cards

\$239.40 for a 1-year subscription to Yumpa.

\$307.39 – TOTAL

Bike Lanes – A brief discussion of how the Youth Commission could lend it's support to the protected bike lane project on Concord Avenue ended with Heidi agreeing to connect with the Transportation Advisory Group to determine if our crafting a resolution of support would be beneficial.