

## December 10, 2018 - Meeting Notes

- Introductions
  - Those present: Kiran, Jennifer, Eliza, Asha, Jessie, George, Minte, Kamilla, Jason
- Trees vs Fish (Icebreaker)
- Sharing Circle
  - Asha: congrats to Kiran on her senior presentation
  - Kiran: teach in on small cell towers, which is an important issue for a large part of the community
- Policy/issue discussion:
  - Composting in schools
  - Advocating for education policies and involvement with the school board
  - Vote16 DC has had recent developments
    - DC city council had Vote16 up for a vote, it did not go forward
  - Kiran had a call with Vote16USA about goals for campaign, what YC and TKPK has learned, etc.
- [Goals from end of last Youth Council](#)
  - Documentary screenings (*The Price of Free, Changing the World*)
  - Policy focus
  - Newsletters
  - New City Council Liaison
    - Tentative date for us all to attend a meeting is Jan 9
  - Meeting dates - Schedule passed unanimously
    - 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month
    - 6:30-8 pm
    - Next meeting January 7
  - Holding an event at the rec center on New Hampshire ave
  - Youth engagement in schools
    - Potential field trip from PBES to learn about city government
  - Emphasize open meetings
    - Put out tweets before meetings
  - Review charter with the
- Youth Council Chairperson process review
  - Open to juniors and seniors
  - Elections next meeting
  - Role of chair
    - Make the agenda
    - Primary contact
    - Runs meetings
  - Vice Chair
    - Helps to facilitate
    - Runs meetings when chair is absent
  - Give 2 minute speeches

- Ranked choice voting
  - Runner up gets vice chair position
- Role of the advisor
  - Collaborative
  - Provides support when needed
  - Youth council tends to run very smoothly and often independently
  - Will likely be helpful in transitioning between councils
- Goals for this year
  - Look into street names
  - Documentary screenings
  - Work with Let's Play America to put on play events
  - Work with the rec center on outreach
  - Expanding compost system to apartment buildings
  - Work with the library on outreach for civic engagement
  - Town Hall?
  - Working with the county council (county youth council)
- School Composting
  - Schools produce quite a bit of food waste
  - George got in contact with people from the county and had a call
    - Brenda Platt was stopped by the county from composting at piney branch
    - There is no process to making sure this doesn't happen again
    - Composting is not an approved activity
    - There is no list of approved activities
    - County reps talked about how difficult the logistics are on school composting
    - Said that if the project was stopped, the school club must have shown that it wasn't able to handle it
    - Issue of sanitation issues in the schools
    - If there was a comprehensive proposal plan that proved composting could work, the county probably wouldn't say know.
  - It would help if Brenda had a partner in MCPS at piney branch to help make this happen and give her leverage
- Small cell towers
  - New issue in TKPK about small cell towers being built in the city
  - FCC has contract with companies who will work in the county
  - City passed resolution creating a city permitting process, not just a county process
  - Has become one of the biggest issues discussed by the community
  - New 5g service
  - Has a lot to do with who has jurisdiction over these sorts of regulations (federal government or local governments)
  - Also an issue of transparency (not notifying residents, etc.)
- MC Math Science building

- New large building
- Parking issues
- Taking up old community spaces
- Affects youth (students, people in the neighborhood)
- Wrap up