

Commission on the Status of Children and Youth Meeting Notes

Meeting: Commission on the Status of Children and Youth

Date: October 20, 2026

Attendees: Callie Rekas, Erin Reyonods, Andrea Alvarez, Treyanna Moten, Leah Gilbertson, Libby Pennington, Sidra Luna

1. Roll Call

- A. Introductions
- B. Mayor Thompson-Community needs: How to better advertise resources around the community specifically to parents; current CFRD resource doesn't seem to be effective; may be more effective to have paper copies to different entities in town that serve children. A stronger social media presence would be helpful. Mentioned childcare strategies and how the city and this specific commission may be able to help. Help prevent early education turnover. Also mentioned teen safe space in Bloomington and the potential for a teen public transport program

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. [September Minutes](#)
 - a. Motion to approve: Leah
 - b. Second: Andrea
 - c. Motion: Passed ▾
- B. Request for additional agenda items No ▾

3. Reports (if any)

- A. Teen Liaison-Maryjane
 - a. NA
- B. Guest Speakers-Leah
 - a. Following up with potential person
- C. Community Outreach-Andi
 - a. NA
- D. Chairperson's Report-Callie
 - a. MC3 Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit registration November 16th
- E. City Liaison Report-Callie on behalf of Crystal

- a. As a reminder, you need to reapply for commissioners with terms ending; reminder to look into sponsors
- b. Steering committee trying to be created to help create safe route for schools, accessibility if interested, let crystal know

F. Public Comment, if any

- a. NA

4. Old Business

A. RFTR

- a. [Crafts](#) and story hour definitely able to happen at public library on Saturday, November 14th; need advertising; may already have format for story hour
- b. Morgensterns November 7th, 10-11 am story time will ask about puppet craft, advertising needed
- c. We are confirmed for Tuesday, November 10th; share application for celebrity reader; 3 Schools have signed up, and two have requested Spanish readers. See if any IU athletics; maybe Bison Hoosier would want to read

B. February library event

- a. Estimated attendance 50-100, Saturday in February?, Need to make sure not conflicting with a lot of other events in the community, what about reserving kid room, seeing if we could coordinate activity during for kids, start thinking about potential partnerships or drive-thrus for supplies

5. New Business

1. SWAGGER Data-Leah

- a. Reaching out to nominators as well; try to gather data of impact of awards

2. November meeting

- a. Need to move meeting for appreciation event in November happening at the same time; first choice: November 19th

3. Winter Wonderland

- a. Winter Wonderland is Saturday, December 12th, 12-3, with set-up, running activities, and tear down

4. Community Updates

- a. Community Halloween event may be a good advertising event; put together something about holiday gift assistance options to share for parents

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm: Leah

Second: Libby

Motion: **Passed** ▾