

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	May 15, 2023
Action Required:	None required
Presenter:	Daniel Fairley, Youth Opportunity Coordinator
Staff Contacts:	Daniel Fairley, Youth Opportunity Coordinator Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Title:	Youth Council Annual Report

Background

Youth Council is a public body and is supported by staff at the Department of Human Services. This group of young people advises the Council, informs the community about issues that affect youth, and makes recommendations on how they feel Charlottesville can be a better city. Youth who serve on the Council meet monthly, receive leadership training, and have the chance to make a real difference in our community. Charlottesville City residents between the ages of 13 and 17 are among the Youth Council cohort this year.

Discussion

This year, the Youth Council is proud to share their accomplishments throughout this past year! They will present a summary of their meetings with multiple youth service providers in the area, including: Community Climate Collaborative (C3), Shelter for Help and Emergency, and H.E.R. Sports. Out of these meetings, they have decided to compile a list of youth service providers and resources for youth into a google site to share with their friends and keep updated. They will preview this list at the meeting. Lastly, they will present on their day of service in the community to help those experiencing homelessness.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Youth Council supports City Council's "Community of Mutual Respect" vision. It contributes to Goal 1: an inclusive community of self-sufficient residents specifically objective 1.1 prepare students for academic and vocational success and 1.5 intentionally address issues of race and equity. It also contributes to Goal 5: A well-managed and responsive organization, specifically 5.4 foster effective community engagement.

Community Engagement

Youth Council researched and coordinated sessions with providers in the local community as well as completed an outreach project to serve people experiencing homelessness.

There is ongoing outreach every year to fill vacancies left by graduating seniors.

Budgetary Impact

This report has no budgetary impact.

Recommendation

Staff recommends continued support of Youth Council's initiatives.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

None