

Mayor's Commission for Children August Minutes

August 11th, 2020 8 am

Zoom meeting

Commission members present: Brandy Harris, Monica Horton, Christy Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Susie Henderson, Chris Jarratt Absent: Missy Riley and Jennifer McClure

Advisory Council Present: Dr. Denise Fredrick, Jan Fisk, Gerry Lee, Dr. Nicole Holt, John Chastain, Alexis Brown, Kimberly Shinn Brown

Chairman Susie Henderson opened up the meeting at 8:02. A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Andrews to accept the minutes after revision to include Jan Fisk as present at the July meeting. Brandy Harris seconded that motion. The minutes were approved with revision.

Kevin Gipson, former director of Greene co Health department, gave an update regarding Covid 19 and the impact to our county and the surrounding areas. Discussion on statewide mask mandate and return of students to SPS and the area colleges. SPS officials gave update on percentages of remote learning and in person learning. The health department updates Covid data daily on City website. The mayor and City council approved sending a letter to the Governor encouraging a state-wide mask mandate. John Chastain shared the morning Cox hospitalization numbers to the group.

Brigitte talked about the Senate bill in Special Session that had 6 components related to crime. One that gather discussion with this group as well as CPO Can Collaborative was the recertification of minors as adults under certain felonies. Group discussion on this provision was extensive. Brigitte would send contact information of local house representatives if individuals wanted to contact their local state legislators. Also, discussion by many of the members on a strategy to support Senator Lincoln Hough and his efforts in the upcoming 2021 session regarding the enabling tax legislation for early childhood. Brigitte will see if he is available to speak to us before the end of the year. Chamber priorities and City Priorities have not been developed for 2021 but there could be an opportunity for a letter of support from the Mayor's Commission for Children.

Jordan Valley Health Center will be at the fairgrounds giving back to school immunizations. Ribbon Cutting for Ada Fulbright will be September 3rd at 5 p.m. Other announcements were made by members. Meeting concluded at 8:58.