

Youth Commission vs. Committee

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Commission or Committee?

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Youth Commission Background



- 2009
 - Youth Commission Ordinance repealed
- 10/2018
 - FAIR by Councilmember Odegaard
- 12/2018
 - Council discussion
- 11/2019
 - Council requested further discussion and information



Commissions vs. Committees

Commission

- Requires an ordinance
 - Participants must reside within city limits
- Subject to open-meeting laws
- Council appoints a Council liaison
- Direct involvement and authority in decision making

Committee

- No ordinance required
 - Participants do not need to reside within city limits
- Not subject to open-meeting laws
- Council participation is discretionary
- Recommendations made to on an unofficial basis



Pros & Cons

Youth Commission & Committee Considerations

- Commission allows official involvement in decision making.
- Commission requires formal Council involvement.
- Committee is more inclusive.
- Committee input is possible, but unofficial.



Conclusion

- 2009 – Commission repealed
 - Lack of participation
 - Term length – full year vs. school year
 - Student schedules
 - Quorum needed
- Council Considerations
 - Council/staff time and resources
 - Student engagement
 - Commission is more formal
 - Committee could be more inclusive
 - Committee option provides more flexibility for participation

Direction Needed

- Should the Youth group be structured as a committee or a commission?

Thank you

