City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council Thursday, November 9, 2023: 6 PM IN PERSON Driskell Park Community Center **NOTES**

Public Attendees: All committee meetings are open to the public to observe. For virtual meetings, there is a Q&A function that allows attendees to post questions or comments. It is not required that the committee respond to items posted in the Q&A, nor is it required that committees provide a public comment period during their meeting whether virtual or in-person. Should committees wish to allow time to hear public comment, a time will be designated on the agenda.

- 1) Call to Order
- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
- 2) Review of previous meetings minutes
- Council members approved previous meeting minutes.
- 3) Updates
- Please see "Presentations of reasons for illuminated crosswalk at Northwestern HS"
- 4) Presentation of reasons for illuminated crosswalk at Northwestern HS
- Council members discussed their reasons they feel that a crosswalk with an illuminated/ flashing sign should be installed on Adelphi Rd. in-front of Northwestern High School (NHS). Reasons included to increase driver awareness of pedestrians crossing Adelphi Rd. to get to NHS during student arrival and dismissal times, to have a dedicated safe area for pedestrians to cross Adelphi Rd., to increase awareness of drivers for pedestrian crossing at night (specifically youth leaving from school extra curricula activities, sports, or clubs).
- 5) Additional Topics Discussed:
- Narcan Training: Council members picked up where they left off from the last meeting and discussed completing a Narcan training due to the amount of drug use among the youth population. Their training will be scheduled.
- Northwestern High School Security: Council members (all of which attend Northwestern High School) discussed their opinions about how the PGCPS employed school security conduct their duties at the school. They would like to invite the City of Hyattsville Chief and Deputy Chief of Police, the NHS principal, and the NHS school resource officer to their next meeting to discuss their concerns.
- 6) School Lockdown Procedures: Council members expressed their concern about the effectiveness of the schools lockdown procedures. Their concerns included confusion between knowing whether a lockdown is a drill or a real lockdown, confusion of where to go if a lockdown is announced and they're in the cafeteria or gym, and efficient communication after the lockdown.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023