

## Ridgefield Youth Commission Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Ridgefield Youth Commission Special Meeting  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm  
The Barn  
10 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Members Present: Denise Qualey, Mary Doherty, Mike Lordi, Al Wakin, Julia Knispel, and Rian Malhotra  
Adult Advisor: Audrey Camino-jara and Joe Haskins  
Guest: Akshay Pertab, and Vijay Pertab

1. Public Comment  
No public comments were made.
2. Meeting Minutes  
The meeting minutes from September 13, 2023, were unanimously approved.
3. Recruitment of New Members  
Ms. Qualey reviewed the process to become a member with the guests.
4. Review 2023 and 2024 Calander  
The Commission reviewed the calendar for the remainder of 2023. The Youth Commission will meet on November 1 and December 6. The Commission will also hold an event at the Barn during the Ridgefield Holiday Stroll on December 1, 2023. The 2024 meeting schedule is as follows: January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, September 11, October 2, November 6 and December 4.
5. Activities/Panel ideas  
Ideas for the February Panel will be discussed at the November 1, 2023, meeting.
6. Social Media Review – Website Status  
No Discussion
7. Barn Update  
The Commission expressed their appreciation to Akshay and Vijay for cleaning up the garden under the Kindness Mural. Ms. Knispel is talking with the garden club at the high school to see if they can help in the future. Mr. Haskins gave an update on how the Boys and Girls Club used the Barn this summer.
8. TeenTalk and School Update  
Ms. Camino-jara provided an update on TeenTalk.
9. Ridgefield Prevention Council Update  
No Discussion
10. Project Resilience  
Ms. Qualey provided an update on Project Resilience.

11. Old/New Business

The Members unanimously approved official support for the Pride Crosswalk in Town.

The Members unanimously approved that Ms. Qualey should prepare a statement to be read at the Pride Crosswalk dedication by one of the current or future Youth Members.