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**City Council Meeting Date:** May 21, 2019

**To:** City Council  
City Administrator

**From:** Mayor Pownell

Consider Approving Mayoral Board/Commission Youth Appointments.

**Action Requested:**

The City Council approves the following youth appointments:

**Arts and Culture Commission**

Harper Bechtel (c) - voting member  
Madeline McDermott - non-voting youth representative  
Edie Meehan - non-voting youth representative  
Robby Swenson (c) - non-voting youth representative

**Economic Development Authority**

Alex Baraniak (c) - non-voting youth representative  
Celine Falcon-Geist - non-voting youth representative

**Environmental Quality Commission**

Katie Schroerr (c) - voting member  
Nicholas Boehning (c) - non-voting youth representative

**Heritage Preservation Commission**

Anna Neseth - voting member

**Housing & Redevelopment Authority**

Mila Matney (c) - non-voting youth representative  
Signe Hauck - non-voting youth representative

**Human Rights Commission**

Grant Bouvin - non-voting youth representative  
Esperanza Carera Murga - non-voting youth representative  
Anna Dwyer - non-voting youth representative  
Chloe Thomas-Green (c) - voting member

**Library Board**

Grace Casson - non-voting youth representative

Max Gordon-Mercer (c) - voting member  
James Shuffleton - non-voting youth representative

**Mayor's Youth Council** (all voting members)

Alanah Barnes  
Will Beaumaster  
Martin Brice  
Greenlee Dahle (c)  
Celine Falcon Geist (c)  
Oran Frenstad  
Anders Larson (c)  
Riley Ledman (c)  
Clara Lippert  
Ryan Malecha (c)  
Natalie Nevin  
Angie Oscar Orrego (c)  
Audrey Pagel (c)  
Caroline Peterson (c)  
Isabella (Ella) Schmidt (c)  
Meg Tomonari  
Veronica Torres Bermuda  
Anna Worden

**Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention**

Brekken Modory - voting member  
Camryn Stokes - voting member  
Nancy Vega - (c) voting member  
Belinda Zubia - voting member

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

Tatum Hauck (c) - voting member  
Caleb Meeker - non-voting youth representative

**Planning Commission**

Grant Boardman - non-voting youth representative  
Sofia Chihade - non-voting youth representative

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

Muriel Collins-Lundebrek - non-voting youth representative  
Mya Wesling - non-voting youth representative

**(c) = returning member**

**Summary Report:**

The City Council is being asked to approve the youth appointments as noted above. The MYC and youth appointees to boards and commissions act in an advisory capacity to the boards, commissions and City Council for the purposes of advising these groups on perspectives and issues important to Northfield youth in order to assure a youth voice in civic affairs, and working with community partners and other youth initiatives to help

design and recommend solutions and options to address opportunities and areas of concern in the Northfield community. Youth members are appointed/reappointed annually. Applications to serve on the MYC, boards and commissions are completed and submitted to the Adult Advisor, Meleah Follen. The applications are assembled by the Adult Advisor and anonymously submitted for review and scoring by the current members of the MYC and the Adult Advisor. Recommendations for appointments to fill vacant or expired positions are made to the Mayor based on scores and the desire to create a MYC, and appointees to boards and commissions, that are gender, ethnic and age diverse. Members shall thereafter be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council.

In addition to the youth that will serve on City Boards and Commissions during the 2019-20 school year, there are 37 additional youth serving on additional Boards or Councils within the community that are part of the Youth on Boards program. These include the District Youth Council and the Community Service Advisory Board, both part of the Northfield Public Schools system, the Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Community Leadership Team, and seven local non-profit Boards (Northfield Area Family YMCA, Northfield Arts Guild, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, Northfield Historical Society, Northfield Shares, Northfield Youth Choirs, and Women in Northfield Giving Support (WINGS)).

The Youth on Boards program is funded collaboratively between the City of Northfield, Youthprise and Northfield Healthy Community Initiative.