



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>AGENDA SECTION</b>	CONSENT
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	JANAURY 26, 2026

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>Adopt Resolution 2026-010, Appointing Kyannah McKinney to the Planning Commission as a Youth Commissioner</b>		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> Aaron Chirpich, City Manager			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Administration		<b>BY/DATE:</b> Sara Ion / January 22, 2026	
<b>CORE CITY STRATEGIES:</b> <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
_Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		X Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_High Quality Public Spaces		_Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
_Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		_Inclusive and Connected Community	

**BACKGROUND**

On Oct 25, 2021, the Columbia Heights City Council approved Ordinance 1671 amending the City Code to create a Youth Commission, the first of its kind in Columbia Heights. Over the past several years there have been amendments to the City Code (Ordinance No. 1683, 1699 and 1717) to bring the Youth Commission into further alignment with the City Council’s goals. These goals include positively impacting youth participation as well as inspiring and bringing to light new ideas from a youth perspective, creating an educational environment for youth looking to expand their knowledge of government and leadership functions, and providing experience-building opportunities for area youth seeking increased community and government engagement.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS**

The City Council received an application from Columbia Heights student Kyannah McKinney requesting appointment as a Youth Commission member of the Planning Commission. Currently there is one Youth Commissioner serving on the Planning Commission, and the ability to add one more.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend proceeding with the approval of Resolution 2026-010 appointing Kyannah McKinney as non-voting Youth Commission Member of the Planning Commission.

<b>RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):</b>
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-010, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2026-010, appointing Kyannah McKinney to the City of Columbia Heights Youth Commission as a non-voting member of the Planning Commission.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Resolution 2026-010

Youth Commission Application of Livie Powers (redacted)