



Commerce City Youth Commission Strategic Plan & Next Steps



Background and Steps Taken

- City Council direction
- Review of other cities (Brighton, CO and Westminster, CO)
- Review of existing groups in Commerce City (Youth and Teen Advisory Committee (YAC), PD Explorers, etc)
- Refinement during the council retreat in February

Objectives

- Establish a successful Youth in Government Program
 - *Build an understanding of governance and the influence that the youth have in their community*
- Increase youth involvement in Government and other civic activities
 - *Show the City's commitment to developing our youth as a valuable asset to our progress.*
- To build on our list of community resources
 - *Consistent representation of the youth in our community within our government.*

Strategies

1. Youth in Government:

- a. Reach out to both High Schools in the City and to existing groups to enroll young leaders in the program.
- b. Establish a youth in government program similar to what previously existed in CC.

2. Youth Involvement:

- a. Create a City-Wide Youth Master Plan. Through a 2 year assessment process lead by a consultant in conjunction with the youth commission and the City's Planning Department

3. Community Resource:

- a. Develop a representative voice for the youth that can support the community by identifying ways that they can help their community progress

Next Steps

- **August 2012:** Resolution to City Council creating the Commerce City Youth Commission.
- **October 2012:** Two Council members assigned to serve in the commission and in an interview committee comprised of Council, staff and a local volunteer.
- **November 2012:** Second resolution to Council for approval of the members 2012-2013 members of the Youth Commission

QUESTIONS

