

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8th, 2017
5:41pm

Hooker Conference Room #245 City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

AGENDA

Members Present: John McCloskey, Brian, Debora, Cornelius Seth Debro, David Hummons called meeting at 5:45pm

Guests: Jaime Bue, Indiana University; Julius Lee, Indiana University; Beverly Calender-Anderson

Staff: Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington liaison

1. **Introductions**

2. **Request for Additional Agenda Items**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Young Black Male Leader at high school is interested in becoming a liaison and will likely attend the next meeting

Minutes approved at 5:51pm

4. **New Business**

A. Beverly Calender-Anderson, Director, Community and Family Resources Department
2-3 weeks commissioner self-assessment, planning for bicentennial for 2018 suggested reading program with young people with the number 200

B. Monroe County Health Department, colorectal screenings for African-Americans- Julius Lee (MPH candidate at IU)

works on health bulletin; colorectal cancer 3rd most leading cancer affecting Black Women and Men including those over 30; family history, obese, processed foods, alcohol, high fat diet, rectal screening and prostate exam are only preemptive courses of care, ACA pays for 1st screening if you are Medicaid, want a test to establish a baseline
- potential to collaborate with a representative for Health Fair
- black patients diagnosed at younger age and more advanced stage than white patients
- suggestion for yearlong mission awareness for colorectal cancer

C. Post-event evaluation: Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow 2017

- concern of seated commissioner to receive the award, need to avoid bias
- received 2 nominations at high school and 7 for adult

- consider promoting award earlier or more rigorously, possibly having a high school student on the commission gives greater visibility to the award year-round

D. CSBM mentoring initiative

- study hall and English as a new language with a series of videos that the students can take part in; working with students in Bloomington North with high student retention in the tutorial hour
- possibility of extending the program into Jackson Creek (proposal to adopt Jackson Creek with 23 names); internship credit in African American Studies at IU plus School of Education students can get involved in these pilot projects; list of tutors to creatively address students, all schools have some block of time for tutorial services

E. Young Black Males Matter Event, April 12, 2017

- event at the state house with members of the Black Caucus for males ages 12-18 with breakfast to lunch, coordinate with church vans

5. **Liaison report**

A. New appointments

1. Common Council/Human Rights Commission appointee to CSBM the reintroduction of Fred Darko
2. CSBM participation in commemorating Bloomington's and Monroe County's bicentennials; 200 books read
3. There is one mayoral vacancy to apply to become a seated commissioner

6. **Old Business**

A. Updates from meeting with Principal David Pillar and Superintendent Judy DeMuth at Jackson Creek Middle School on February 8

- need to change the way they looked at kids, have teachers who give more referrals to kids of color than others
- principal apologized for previous statements
- interested in establishing an advisory council with members of the community

B. Respond to the Letter

- need to have a meeting to hear what the CSBM had to say
- they were apologetic, suspended the program, talked about teachers receiving diversity training but not what those benchmarks are
- John offered to draft the letter

C. 2017 Black Barbershop Health Initiative Updates

- recommendation to look at April as an awareness
- potentially organize a walk for colorectal screenings

- utilize what's already in existence
- confirmed to use the E.B. Barbershop with the suggestion of a Monday on either the 3rd, 10th, or 17th although timeframe uncertain
- proposed 3 additional screenings in June (educational materials for diabetes), September (hypertension), and November (diabetes) and raise \$10,000 to support these screenings

D. Action committee reports

1. Education

- a) Mentoring initiative

2. Health and Wellness

- a) Monroe County Health Department- Julius Lee
- b) 2017 Black Barbershop Health Initiative
- c) City of Bloomington: Community and Family Resources Department Health and Wellness Fair- Saturday, April 8th, 9am-12pm

Motion to pursue year-long colorectal initiative to carry throughout the year.

3. Employment and Entrepreneurship

4. Criminal Justice

7. Adjournments

A. Meeting adjourned at pm.

8. Announcements

a. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan handed out a calendar informational materials for the Young Black Males Matter Event on April 12th

b. community conversation with Dr. Dra.... On March 23rd

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm.