

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
5:30pm
Hooker Conference Room #245 City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

MINUTES

Members Present: Seth Debro, John McCluskey Jr., Byron Turner, Brian Richardson Jr., Fred Darko, David Hummons, James Sanders

Guests: Geoff Bradley, Amber Deane, Sydney Delong, Dan Enslow, L. Julius Hanks, David Johnson, Jake Thomer, Meghan Weismiller, Danielle, Williams, Sunny Lu Williams-Telamon.

Staff: Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington Liaison, Faith Chadwick, City of Bloomington-SPEA Fellow

Vice Chair Brian Richardson Jr. called the meeting at 5:36pm.

1. Introductions

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Approval of Minutes

August 9, 2017 minutes

Minutes approved at 5:48 pm

4. New Business

- A. Vice-Chair requested that items A and B, identified under new business, be moved to old business.
- B. CSBM will finalize criteria and materials for Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow 2018 in October meeting.
- C. BHSN student David Johnson will be interning with CSBM. David will work with staff liaison, and CSBM in planning 2018 initiatives.
- D. Staff Liaison Rafi Hasan discussed his and CSBM Chair Cornelius Wright's participation with the Effective Volunteer Program Evaluation Training scheduled on September 12 and October 12.

5. Liaison report

Actionable Items: August minutes

- a. Reminder of CSBM's Colon Cancer Awareness Initiative
- b. Commissioners and volunteers in attendance at MCCSC Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, September 26 will include: Brian Richardson, Fred Darko, David Hummons, Geoff Bradley, Seth Debro and Byron Turner.

6. Old Business

- a. Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Awareness
 - 1. Staff liaison stated that WFHB Bring It On will feature a guest from IU Olcott Center on radio program.
- Bicentennial Real Men Read Program
 - 1. No business reported for September. **[CSBM has voted and approved this measure]**
- b. Financial Literacy program
 - 1. Commissioner James Sanders distributed information for financial literacy initiative that included a preliminary budget. Commissioner Sanders indicated that CSBM should schedule to do a program for November/December. **[CSBM has voted and approved this measure]**
- c. Black Male Summit at City Hall
 - 1. Staff liaison Rafi Hasan is attempting to coordinate a planning meeting date with Patrick Smith and Emeritus David Hummons and Commissioner John McCluskey. David Johnson will be included in this meeting.
- d. Media Bias reporting group
 - 1. Commissioner Fred Darko summarized his conversations with IDS and H-T reporters.
- e. Action committee reports
 - i. EDUCATION
 - 1. (See above) Bicentennial Real Men Read Initiative – Byron Turner
 - 2. Commissioners discussed the bookmark proposed by Dan Enslow. The Commissioners declined to endorse the bookmark. Responses from commission members included: “not up to diversity standards,” “insensitive,” “sends the wrong message,” and a message “based from a deficit model.” CSBM offered to work with Dan Enslow in crafting an appropriate message. Commissioner Turner will follow up with Enslow.
 - ii. HEALTH AND WELLNESS
 - 1. (See above) Colorectal Cancer Awareness
 - 2. Sunny Lu Williams-Telamon and the Black Barbershop Initiative. Williams will attend the October meeting to propose a program with CSBM.
 - iii. EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
 - 1. (See above) Financial literacy Initiative– James Sanders
 - iv. CRIMINAL JUSTICE
 - 1. (See above) Media Bias report (Fred Darko).

7. Adjournments

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

8. Announcements

- 1. Monroe County College Fair
September 20, 2017

2. Black Males State Conference
October 9 – 10th
3. Dexter Griffin set to perform in Hello, Dolly! At Sounds of South.
October 14, 21, and 28th.