

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

5:32 pm

Kelly Conference Room #155 City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

AGENDA

Members Present: Cornelius Wright, Brian Richardson Jr., John McCluskey Jr, James Sanders, David Hummons, Byron Turner II. The meeting was called at 5:36 pm Guest: Kourtney Byrd, Erika Oliphant, Sue Wanzer Staff: Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City Staff Liaison

1. Introductions

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Guest remarks

Erika Oliphant informed CSBM and guests that she is seeking the office of Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney.

4. Approval of Minutes

February 14, 2018, minutes approved as amended at 6:10 pm.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Bloomington Bicentennial Street Fair is scheduled for Sunday, April 29. READ FOR 200 volunteers have agreed to volunteer at the MCPL's Spoken Word Stage to read aloud on the stage. Reading times are: 12:15-12:30p 1:15-1:30p, 2:15p-2:30p or 3:15-3:30p

B. Mentor opportunity: Saturday, April 7 South Bend, IN Black Man's Think Tank featuring John Carlos from the 1968 Olympics.

6. LIAISON REPORT

A. A Review of the 2018 planning goals: 1) Read a minimum of 200 hours for 2018 READ FOR 200, 2) Host two neighborhood community forums 3) a) Increase number of attendees for Black Barbershop 2018, b) Collect data on Black Men's wellness to present at the State of the Black Community 2019, 3) Increase the numbers of African-Am/Black families fostering 4) Convene the 1st annual Black Male Summit in the fall of 2018 5) Complete Financial Literacy.

B. Fred Darko resigned his appointment effective immediately. Fred indicated that he was graduating in the spring of 2018 and interviewing for positions out-of-state. Former commissioner Darko undertook research on media bias report from a content review of the Herald Times, under the supervision of Professor Danielle Kilgo. Staff liaison Rafi Hasan was informed by Prof. Kilgo that paper is expected to be completed.

C. Update on commissions request for affiliates. Staff liaison informed commissioner of options for affiliates. Affiliates may either, a) be appointed by council with identified term limits or b) receive appointment from CSBM with no term limits.

- D. City of Bloomington policy on candidate endorsement. Staff liaison reiterated to commission that it does not have the authority to: endorse candidates or particular political party for office, campaign for candidates by wearing promotional materials during commission sanctioned events, programs.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bias-Law reporting by law enforcement communities outside of City of Bloomington. No information to report at this time.
- B. Health and Wellness 2018
1. City of Bloomington Health and Wellness Fair 2018, April 7 9am – 12pm. Commissioners Richardson, Turner, and Wright will attend.
 2. Black Barbershop Talk 2018: Commissioner Richardson reported that Barbershop talk will take place on Thursday, April 19 from 9am – 3pm at JW Barbershop located at 222 W. 2nd street Suite A. Commission shirt sizes provided. The event will adopt the format from 2017 that included screenings and information presentations by various health professionals including Anthem Medicaid. A fee is expected for use of the space. Staff liaison indicated that vetting location may be an issue and suggested to Hoosier Barbershop as a location. Staff liaison will reach out to owner.
- C. Request letter to Superintendent DeMuth for Recognition of 2018 graduates
1. Staff Liaison indicated he would follow up on progress of letter with superintendent during first week of April.
- D. READ FOR 200
1. Updates: 52 volunteers, make up orientation scheduled for Saturday, March 31 11am to 12:30 pm Hooker Conference Room. YMCA is attempting to incorporate volunteers into summer camp. **CSBM voted and approved measure to host volunteer recognition event.** Date and time: TBD
- E. **ACTION ITEMS (updates)**
1. **BLACK MALE SUMMIT**- Update: Planning meeting scheduled for March 27 Theme: Celebrating Black Boy Joy Creating Pathways for Success. Workshops will focus on Leadership Development, Persistence and Discipline, and Achieving Beyond (middle school/high school).
 2. **HEALTH AND WELLNESS** - As previously reported by Commissioner Richardson in old business under health and wellness 2018.
 3. **FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE** - Update: Commissioner Turner indicated that Indiana Department of Child Welfare staff has discussed effort to recruit foster parent with another agency. Child welfare staff will work to identify date to hold training meeting.
 4. **FINANCIAL LITERACY** - Update: Commissioner Sanders indicated that he may look to host a program in June.

5. H-T CONTENT ANALYSIS – As previously reported by Staff liaison under Staff liaison report item B.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournments

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm