

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth
February 21st, 2023
Minutes

Present: Danielle Willis, Emily Alford, Erin Reynolds, Tatiana Wheeler

Absent: Katie Hopkins

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Emily at 5:35pm and seconded by Danielle. Erin Reynolds was introduced as a new commissioner! Shatoiya gave Erin an overview of the commission.

2. Request for additional agenda items

There weren't any additional items to add to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: Jan 17

Emily made a motion to approve the minutes. Danielle seconded the motion.

4. New Business

A. There wasn't any new business.

5. Old Business

Shatoiya reminded the group that each commissioner is tasked with chairing one that the commission hosts.

A. **Update Brochure:** Tatiana will be working with one of Shatoiya's interns to update the commission's brochure in March.

B. **Commissioner Name Tags:** Shatoiya notified the group that she is still waiting on our name tags.

C. **S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards:** The group discussed that they want to make this event more lively and geared towards the students. Erin mentioned that she has a lot of ideas. Toiya reminded everyone to create a budget proposal for ideas that we want to materialize.

Erin mentioned an idea to present to different youth serving agencies in person to discuss the S.W.A.G.G.E.R. awards to solicit more nominations. Toiya mentioned an idea of re-shaping the questions to be more direct. The group talked about tabling MCSC open houses in August to share information about SWAGGER and other commission events. The group decided to move S.W.A.G.G.E.R. to October. The group is tentatively looking at October 6th, 2023.

- D. **Tabling the MCSC Open Houses:** Open houses occur mid-end of August. They should occur the 2nd and 3rd week. The group is planning to look at the list of schools and delegate which commissioner is attending which schools. By the time of the open house we need to make sure that the nomination form, press release, donor letters, vendors, and budget are completed.
- E. **Schools Out Summer Celebration:** The last day of school is May 19th. Erin informed the group that Boys & Girls Club Cresmont location host a mini carnival celebration with members. Erin said she can reach out to contacts at the Boys & Girls Club to ask what their plans are. Toiya mentioned that another potential partner could be Girls Inc. They offer transportation to their participants.
- F. The group decided to table the Teen Round Table and YPB initiatives until the March event.

6. City Staff Liaison Report

- A. Find all the details for the Black History Month [here!](#)
- B. Toiya informed the group that Tatiana Wheeler is one of the award recipients of the Outstanding Black Leader of Tomorrow.
- C. Next BHM event is the Black History Month Gala, THIS Saturday Feb 25th at 6:00pm.
- D. State of the City will be taking place this Thursday Feb 23rd at the Waldron City.

7. Community Updates

Tatiana informed the group that Heading Home of South Central Indiana is hosting a Mayoral Candidate Forum on March 28th at 7pm. This candidate forum will be taking place at the Boys and Girls Club Crestmont Location. This forum will be focused on low income housing and homelessness.

Danielle informed the group that New Hope has a Black History Month Window Binging happening at the Roof.

8. Adjournment

- A. Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Tatiana seconded the motion.