

COMMISSION ON THE

STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Apr 10, 2019 [Minutes](#)

Hooker Room, Cityhall Hooker Conference Room (RM #245)
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

Attending:

Commission

Seth Debro, John McCluskey, Jr., Brian Richardson, James Sanders, Byron Turner, Carl Darnell

City Staff

Shatoyia Moss, Safe & Civil City Director

Guest

Nichelle Whitney (IU School of Nursing), Cory Hawkins (Banneker Community Center)

Absent:

Commission: Kourtney Byrd

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

The minutes to the February 13 and February 22, 2019 minutes were approved as amended.

1. Presentations

Ms. Whitney presented highlights from the preliminary results of the School of Nursing's Reacher Data Update. These included population profiles, sexual orientation, insurance, perception of healthcare, access, and sexual health data.

Ms. Hawkins presented information on a grant application to the Ready Communities Implementation Grant Program (ROI). The purpose of the program

is to upgrade and improve the attractiveness the working surroundings of local communities. Focusing on the Banneker Center, she shared information on specific examples to improve the site.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Commission to supply a letter of support before the deadline of April 12. This was duly met.

1. New Business

Dr. Carl Darnell was warmly welcomed as a new Commissioner.

Seth Debra urged participation of the Commissioners in the Street Fair scheduled for April 28, noon-4pm.

John McCluskey, Jr. informed the group that the goal of applauding the transitions and promotions of Black males had been broadened to include an elementary school through graduate school range. For purposes of publicity, a draft of a list of targeted individuals and sites would be circulated among Commissioners for additions. The project would be first announced in the Herald-Times.

Byron Turner gave an overview of ways the Outstanding Leader of Tomorrow selection process might be improved. This included editing the letter of recommendation form in time for next year's competition. In addition, he urged the campaign to increase the pool of applicants take into account new groups in the community.

3. Liaison Report

Shatoyia Moss provided name tags for recent Commissioners, as well as forms for MCCSC background checks. The by-laws would be added to the online site.

Action Committee Report Updates

a. Health and Wellness

Included in School of Nursing discussion.

b. Financial Literacy

No report, but some discussion of a new timetable for presentation of the project's program and possible collaboration with other groups dealing with financial literacy.

c. H-T Content Analysis

No report. A summary and suggestions to last year's study to be shared at the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.