

STATUS OF BLACK MALES

May 8, 2019 [Minutes](#)

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

Attending:

Commission

Kourtney Byrd, Carl Darnell, Seth Debro, Jr., Brian Richardson, James Sanders,
Byron Turner,

City Staff

Shatoyia Moss, Safe & Civil City Director

Guest

David Hummons, Ken Elliott, David Williams, Professor Gregory Carter

Absent:

Commission: James Sanders (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm.

The minutes to the April 10, 2019 minutes were approved as amended.

1. Presentations

Professor Carter distributed copies of "Perceptions of Health Among Black Men in Bloomington, IN". He re- summarized the findings presented in the April meeting and clarified the specific reference to a recent biomedical intervention. He responded to questions on the place of the Bloomington Black male profile among other cities of similar size. He related several next steps including meetings with local health care providers to resolve issues related to HIV prevention, access, and insurance.

2. Old Business

Seth Debro reported on the Street Fair and related that it was a success and much information on the CSBM was shared.

Shatoyia Moss and Seth Debro emphasized the importance of turning in the completed MCCSC forms to the MCCSC offices on Miller Drive.

Shatoyia Moss related that 12 submissions of Black male graduates had be turned in as of May 8. The deadline for the submissions was established as **May 24**. Optimism was shared that the goal of 20 names of Black males moving upward and onward through local institutions would be met.

A review of the new draft guidelines for the nomination letters for Outstanding Leaders of Tomorrow will take place at the next meeting of the Commission. In the meantime, commissioners were asked to read and prepare suggestions.

3. New Business

Million Father March –Brian Richardson gave timelines for next fall's gathering of commissioners and supporters at the first day of school. He requested that all commissioners attend and re-enforced the importance of having background checks submitted beforehand. The goal is to increase participation from 10 to 30.

4. Liaison Report

Shatoyia Moss described the Youth Participatory Budget program. The delegates aged 14-18 (Monroe County students only) design, organize and promote various local projects from a budget of \$115K.

The question of a future Commission retreat was raised. A motion was raised and voted on. The resolution was to re-address the question at the next CSBM meeting.

Action Committee Report Updates

a. Health and Wellness

Included in Professor Carter's presentation.

b. Financial Literacy

James Sanders was not available. (excused absence)

c. H-T Content Analysis

John McCluskey, Jr. read from a brief summary of the report by Danielle Kilgo and former Commissioner Fred Darko. The report was submitted to CSBM during late summer 2018 as the result of earlier discussions focusing on the visual presentation of Black males in the local newspaper. The report included a self-critique of its methodology in getting a complete picture. It was very valuable in its request that hiring and collaborating strategies be shaped to increase hiring of Black reporters and local groups aggressively submitting information to the newspaper.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.