

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

June 20th, 2023

5:30pm

Present: Erin Reynolds, Katie Hopkins, Tatiana Wheeler, Danielle Willis, Amy McCamey (Guest)

Absent: Emily Alford, Jad Labban

1. Introductions

Katie made a motion to start the meeting at 5:37pm. Erin seconded the motion. There were no guests.

2. Request for additional agenda items

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

3. Approval of Minutes: May 18th

Katie just mentioned that Shatoiya's name was misspelled in a couple of places. Katie made a motion to approve the minutes. Tatiana seconded the motion.

4. Old Business

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

- A. **Update Brochure (Tatiana):** Tatiana shared some updated ideas that she made for the brochure. You can find the ideas [here](#). Toyia reminded the commission that a new administration might call for new branding. Toyia recommended adding a QR code to the brochure that would take people to the commission's website. She also reminded that City Hall offers in house printing. She said she will send Tatiana the city logos. Tatiana asked the group if there were any other initiatives she should include in the brochure. The group decided to add a Call to Action section to the brochure. The group decided to have a final version done by the next meeting so they can look at a test print at the July meeting. The hope is to have these ready for the Open Houses.
- B. **Update Website:** The group discussed that they will like our key initiatives listed out on our website. Shatoiya let us know that Liz has graduated but will be hired back part-time to finish up some projects. As of 6/20/2023 she hasn't been hired back on. So the website will remain as is for now.
- C. **Commissioner Name Tags:** Shatoiya handed out name tags for the commissioners. She informed the commission that we are able to design a t-shirt for the commission if we want to. She informed the group that she is willing to share events that she thinks would be beneficial for commissioners to table at, volunteer, or attend.

- D. **S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards (Katie)**: Katie told us that the S.W.A.G.G.E.R timeline is now in 2023 Projects Folder. Katie said she has a nomination flier in the projects folder for S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Katie suggested looking at last year's nomination form. Toyia mentioned that she will open the old Jotform for us to review last year's nomination form at the next commissioner's meeting.
- E. **Tabling the MCSC Open Houses (Erin)**: MCSC still hasn't released the open house schedule. Shatoyia suggested bringing an iPad to capture people's emails. They can opt-in what they would like to learn about. Example: SWAGGER info, Teen Liaison info, Commission info etc. Shatoyia mentioned that she can create a Jotform to capture this information. She also informed the group that her department also has an iPad for the commission to use. Erin will make a spreadsheet to organize the commissioners' tabling schedules as soon as MCCSC open houses are released.
- F. **Back to School Bash: (Erin)**
Erin mentioned that Bloomington Housing Authority is hosting Back to School Bash on July 26th from 4-7pm. Erin said she will talk to Leon about more details.
- G. **Teen Commission Liaisons: (Tatiana)**
Emily's scope of work in google drive. The group has decided that Shatoyia will make an interest form. Toyia offered to share these interest forms during the Young Black Male and Women Summits later this fall. The group will also have interest forms at the Open Houses. At a previous meeting Erin brought up an idea to reach out to guidance counselors about this opportunity.⁹
- H. **YPB initiatives**: This initiative is on pause. Shatoyia is waiting to see what the new administration decides.

5. City Staff Liaison Report

Shatoyia informed the commission that the City can provide candy, a popcorn machine, or spin the wheel to engage people while tabling. She asked to let her know by the next meeting. She also informed the group about her upcoming schedule. Marissa will be our temporary city liaison in the fall.

6. Community Updates

Tatiana informed the group that Heading Home is inviting social service providers to Food Truck Friday on June 23rd, 2023 to get to know one another.

7. Adjournment

Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm. Eriin seconded the motion. Next meeting is July 18th, 2023.