

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

5:41pm

Hooker Conference Room #245 City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

AGENDA

Members Present: Seth Debro, David Hummons called meeting at 5:45pm

Guests: Jaime Bue, Indiana University-minute taker

Staff: Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington liaison

NO QUORUM

1. Introductions

Seth Debro, David Hummons, Rafi Hasan-staff liaison, city of Bloomington

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Approval of Minutes

NO QUORUM January minutes cannot be approved as the CSBM does not have the members to host quorum. David Hummons asked Rafi Hasan about the Black Barbershop Initiative request for date. The CSBM had confirmed April 8 which is the second Saturday in April (date chosen to avoid IU-Little 500 and the first weekend). The City of Bloomington will also have dates and times confirmed by April 8th pending a vote. Item 4-A defer commentary until next meeting with a quorum.

4. New Business

a. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan, informed commissioners that the packet of information distributed contains nominees for Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow, 2 candidates for high school category and 7 candidates for adult. The commission will have to call a special session meet. The special session will occur preferably within a week because the decision has to be made to submit the information to the City of Bloomington and the 2017 Commission for Black History Month Planning Committee.

b. Meeting Tomorrow (2/9) with David Pillar, Principal of Jackson Creek Middle School from 1:00p-2:30p. The CSBM must reduce the number of commissioners in attendance for the meeting with Principal Pillar and Superintendent DeMuth due to governing ordinance for CSBM (If three or more commissioners attend a public meeting notice and 48-hour notice is required). There needs to be talking points and questions about their policy as well as make Mr. Pillar aware of community resources and the commission's role. Find out whether he is still moving forward with the program and how they identified these children and categorized them in this particular classification. There are concerns about the letter, but the program also has a Christian orientation which excludes those of other faiths. Meeting will be a feature story in the Newsletter and possible response to Herald Times article.

c. Response to Herald-Times Editorial Board: Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan, offered to step in and draft a response that can be a teachable moment to counter misinformation. Mr. Hasan requested for commissioners to send notes and offered to synthesize a response.

5. Liaison report

- a. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan, informed that he will not go too far in depth to liaison report.
- b. Fred Darko, Human Rights Commission appointee to the CSBM.
- c. Commissioner Debro requested to include his reappointment letter in next report.
- d. March Constant Contact newsletter will include the winners of the Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow.

6. Old Business

- a. "Everyday Encounters with Police" brochure will be reviewed by City Legal Department.
- b. Participation in 2017 Black Barbershop Health Initiative.

7. Action Committee Reports

1. Education

- a. Participate in conversation with Jackson Creek Middle School Principal in response to his Youth Male Program initiative.
- b. Consider ways to continue to have quarterly meetings with MCCSC.

2. Health and Wellness

3. Employment and Entrepreneurship

4. Criminal Justice

8. Adjournments

- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

9. Announcements

- a. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan handed out a calendar that identifies a few programs for Black History Month.