



**City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth  
Meeting Minutes October 17, 2017**

**Commissioners Present:** Donna Bernens-Kinkead, Georg'ann Cattelona, Matt Hanauer, Julie Warren, Amy Makice, Shawna Meyer-Niederman, Isadore Torry, Fiora Pizzo, and Allen Bell

**Regrets:** None

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** Marissa, Derry, Nicole Watkins

**CSCY:** Staff Liaison – Nancy Woolery

Welcome & Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Julie Warren at 5:30 pm.

Committee Work & Reporting

- Advocacy
  - The advocacy committee is talking to community members about the city budget for funding for early education funding. Additionally, the committee is thinking about how to support banning the confederate flag at MCCSC. Fiora will talk to her contacts in different states and ask them how they have banned the flag. The committee is also looking into policies and issues for youths aged 8-13 year olds who are often left out. Would like to also contribute to the discussion of redrawing of the school districts. Finally, the committee is also looking into how to increase parent involvement for students whose parents are low SES.
- Partnerships and workshops
  - The committee is working with each commission under the department of Community and Family Resources to have an opportunity for youth to create a historical piece of art that is related to each commission's purpose. The committee would contribute by organizing an exhibit of winning artwork. Finally, the committee is thinking about inviting the commission on human rights into the youth art project as well.
  - The committee discussed the idea of having teen roundtable discussions to provide a platform for their ideas and concerns.
  - The committee would like to survey partner agencies to the Community and Family Resources department, and the commission, to see if presentations or roundtable discussions are needed and could be facilitated by the commission.
- Research and Reporting
  - The research and reporting committee finished their collection of data nuggets and put together a draft of a more visually friendly version of the most important

data nuggets. The committee will now work on creating and gathering graphs from the data collected and from research and present them in a way that is user friendly to potential grant writers and nonprofits.

#### Approval of September 2017 Minutes

- Georg'ann Cattelona moved to approve Shawna Meyer-Niederman second, unanimously approved.

#### Staff Liaison Report

- Terms are ending for Georg'ann Cattelona, Amy Makice, Fiora Pizzo, and Matt Hanauer. If interested in staying on the commission, will need to reapply. Nancy will look into how the Mayoral appointees will need to reapply. Additionally, the commission will need to look into who wants to be the new chair, vice chair, and secretary.
- Georg'ann Cattelona will serve as the social service representative and Matt Hanauer will serve as the infrastructure representative for the CDBG.

#### BTCC Update

- The CSCY held event had the largest turn out of all BTCC workshop held so far. The group talked about different policies and representation at the local level. Matt Hanauer will include new information about the SWAGGER award and send the final version of the BTCC seed funding grant to Nancy who will get the grant approved by the city to submit to the BTCC.

#### SWAGGER

- Total nominations received
  - There was a total of 23 nominations.
  - The review committee will be comprised of George'ann Cattelona and Allen Bell will review 7-8 and 9-12 categories; Julie Warren and Shawn Meyer-Niederman will review K-2 and 3-6 categories; Isadore Torry will serve as a tie breaker. Matt will ensure that the nomination form is de-identified prior to reviewers assessing the applications.
  - Donations included the following: Urban Air, Downtown Bloomington Inc., Cardinal Stage Co., Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning, WonderLab, LaserLite.
  - Everyone will receive a certificate. Read the names of those who are nominated.
- Below is a timeline recap of SWAGGER events
  - Oct. 24 – Review committee emails winners to full commission
  - Oct. 25 – Notify all nominators and invite them to awards presentation
  - Nov. 14 – Awards presentation (in lieu of meeting)

#### Other Community Events/Updates

- There is a total of three commissioners presenting at the MC3 Summit two have presentations and one is holding a round table.
- Possible future idea could be sending out a thank you to youth workers, which could involve a proclamation from the Mayor, and the commission will think about holding a separate event where youth nominate youth workers.

Adjournment

- Isadore Torry approved, Donna Bernens-Kinkead seconded, and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting – November 14 at 5:30 pm, City Hall Atrium