



**City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Children and Youth**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 19, 2017**

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

**Regrets:** Fiora Pizzo

**Absent:** Allen Bell

**CSCY:** Staff Liaison – Nancy Woolery

Welcome & Call to Order

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

**Approval of October 2017 Minutes**

- Donna Bernens-Kinkead motioned to approve, Shawna Meyer-Niederman seconded, unanimously approved.

**Committee Briefings**

- Advocacy
  - No updates at this time.
- Research
  - Will provide final versions of documents that can be posted on the city's website.
- Partnerships/Workshop
  - The partnership committee met with all the other Community and Family Resources Department commissions about collaborating on a youth art project and are also looking to include the Commission on Human Rights, Arts and MLK. There is another meeting for the art contest being held on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Additionally, the partnerships committee is contacting people from local newspapers to see if the commission's youth engagement project can be held at the newspaper's headquarters and or if someone at the newspaper wanted to be on the steering committee. The committee is looking into whether the youth engagement and art projects can be part of the city's bicentennial.

**Staff Liaison Report**

- The city is holding a Bicentennial kickoff celebration December 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm-7:30pm. The commission is still waiting to hear about reappointments from the city. Staff liaison will look into finding a student intern to take the meeting minutes.

### **BTCC Update**

- Nonprofit alliance group is holding regularly scheduled Advocacy Breakfasts, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 8 am at The Village Deli. The next one is on Dec 20; the topic is living wage.
- The Introductory Racial Equity Training Series: This community training series is co-sponsored by BTCC, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Showing up for Racial Justice (SURJ), and Youth Services Bureau. It is for individuals representing local organizations (i.e., a non-profits, advocacy groups, social justice organizations, city government, organizations within IU, faith communities, etc.). The training schedule is listed below; please note that the training of trainers is open only to participants that attend all three trainings; otherwise, participants may attend individual sessions.
  - Implicit Bias (February 13, 11am-3:30pm)
  - Anti-Racism (February 26, 9:30am-5pm)
  - Implicit Bias Training of Trainers\* (March 27, 10am-4pm)

Check out this [link](#) to learn more and register- space is limited and the deadline to register is January 19. Contact Allison Zimpfer-Hoerr ([btccbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:btccbloomington@gmail.com)) if you have any questions- and feel free to share this opportunity with others!

### **SWAGGER Recap**

- The commission agrees that the SWAGGER awards ceremony may need to be held in the city hall council chambers, and the pizza party in the Atrium due to a large attendance. There was also discussion about developing a clearer rubric for the high school students and those who reviewed the awards this year will develop ideas that will be presented at future meetings – Julie Warren, Georg'ann Cattelona, and Shawna Meyer-Niederman will review the rubric and make suggested changes. The commission also decided that only individuals will be allowed to be nominated, no group submissions. The commission will try to get a count of the number of people attending next year. They discussed having all nominees come to the front of the room to be recognized. Finally, the commission will try to have someone call community members to encourage them to nominate youth for the award and continue to send out mass emails to youth serving agencies in Bloomington.

### **Other items**

- Shawna Meyer-Niederman will bring the final draft of the letter to youth workers to the commission's next meeting for all the commissioners to sign. Matt Hanauer will then scan the signed document and send the letter to the list of youth serving agencies in the CSCY email database.
- Matt Hanauer and Georg'ann Cattelona will provide updates on CDBG (Community Development Block Grants subcommittees) at the next meeting.

### **Commission Leadership**

- Georg'ann Cattelona was nominated as chair and Shawna Meyer-Niederman as Vice Chair; commission will vote at the January meeting and terms will start in February. Amy Makice is not renewing her application to the commission. Amy will focus on developing her future nonprofit Bloomington Center for Connection.

### **Adjournment**

- Georg'ann Cattelona motioned to adjourn, seconded by Donna Bernens-Kinhead, unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting – January 16 at 5:30 pm, Hooker Conference Room (Room 245)**