



## Meeting Minutes-April 17, 2018

**Commissioners Present:** Shawna Meyer-Niederman, Matt Hanauer, Georg'ann Cattelona, Laura Alford, , Allen Bell, Donna Bernens-Kinkead and Isadore Torry

**Regrets:** Julie Warren

**Absent:** Fiora Pizzo

**CSCY:** Staff Liaison – Nancy Woolery, Interim Staff Liaison – Rafi Hasan

### Guests

- Sylvie Choiniere, CFRD Health Projects Intern

Welcome and introductions

- Meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Approval of March 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes

- Shawna motioned, seconded by Matt, and unanimously approved

City Staff Liaison Report

- Retirement
  - Nancy will be retiring and will be leaving on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Rafi Hasan will become the interim City Staff Liaison. He currently acts as the staff liaison for the Commission on the Status of Black Males and works as the Safe and Civil City Director to promote public safety and education.
- Funding for Bicentennial Arts Contest
  - The commission does not necessarily have a budget, but there is a line budget for the CSCY and we currently have **\$253. 09**. (This money is not designated for anything). The Commission on Women is giving \$300 and the Arts Commission is giving \$100. Julie is trying to get an estimated budget to see how much is actually needed for this project. There will also be a reception at the History Center for the children.
  - There is still the suggestion to get seed funding from BTCC. Maybe a letter could be written for donations from different people for different items. There is currently an ongoing list for donations of prizes for the winners. Ask Baked! For free cookies!
  - Action point:
    - Need an estimated budget for the Art Contest
    - Put Baked! on SWAGGER List for donations
- Health Fair
  - Thank you for staffing the Health Fair! We appreciate you 😊

- Laura Collins is the new digital media person for the City of Bloomington and will work with city commission's social media pages and websites. This is part of a 9 month pilot project. Public can give input prior to the meetings.

#### Bicentennial Arts Project

- Formally endorsed by the Bicentennial Endorsement Committee. There was also a press release published in Herald Times. Entries are now being accepted and can be submitted in person to CFRD or via email to [b-artscontest@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:b-artscontest@bloomington.in.gov) by 5 p.m. on June 29, 2018
- Official guidelines, coversheet, and a list of research resources are available at <http://bloomington.in.gov/bicentennial/arts-contest>
- The winner's art will be displayed at the Monroe County History Center in an exhibition opening with a reception on July 27<sup>th</sup>. During that time, prizes will also be presented to the winners.
- There will be another committee meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Bicentennial Teen Roundtable Discussions-Jimmy

- Zaltzberg from the H-T agreed to be the moderator for the project. Jimmy still needs to get back to him about the questions that will be asked to the youth and if the event can be held at the H-T. Thinking about having snacks and Bicentennial swag as an incentive for youth to come.
- We are moving it to the fall when school starts and this will be a 4 or 5 week session. This will be done before SWAGGER so it won't interfere. There could also be a potential in collaborating it with the SWAGGER awards to present some information.
- The nomination method will be similar to the SWAGGER awards. The committee could help choose the students and we want to be intentional about having a diverse group.
- Types of question:
  - What does Bloomington mean to you? To a high schooler? The pros and cons of Bloomington? How do you see your surroundings?
  - What do you think about the apartments going up?
  - If you were in charge what would you do? What do you want to change? Future?
  - In 10 or 20 years, where do you want to see Bloomington? How would you design it?
  - Questions that are based on the students and getting their view and perspective. Getting the perspective of Bloomington from the teenagers and learn what they need. This will help us out in the long run.
- This could be an Outreach Committee project.

#### Revisit Committee Structure (Discussion)-Advocacy, Research, Outreach and Workshops

- **Please submit an update of your committee by May 8<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **Advocacy-** Promote legislation both to the committee and to the legislators. Also focus on discussions and share this information to the public. Want to do something similar to Marion County Commission on Youth (McCoy): <http://mccoyouth.org/advocate/advocacy-resources/>
  - **Research Group** – Obtain secondary data from Monroe County related to youth and make it available to the commission and other organizations/people to use. (Not yet published, but completed). Particularly grant writers can use this and our advocacy groups. Also, we are interested in going out to seek data that is not already available.
    - (HT reported poverty level on African American children and it was wrongly reported)

- Maybe a letter can be sent to the editor – This could be a collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Black Males.
- Is there a process for sending a letter to the editor as the Commission?
  - As a Commissioner, you can't send it on behalf of the Commission; but you can send something as a lay person and mention you are working for the commission.
- Outreach and Workshop – They are currently working on the Bicentennial Arts Project and the Teen Round Table Discussion. (Programming)

What is the commission's focus for this year?

- The group is interested in working with Jane St. John, but there is no update on her progress and focus. This was in relation to the funds in the community foundation budget. There were previous conversations of adding this project, but it seems like it would stretch our focus!
- There are 3 different sub-focuses for each committee as mentioned above.
- GIS map – connection to the city and try to layer information on that.

SWAGGER Awards

- K-2, 3-6, 7-8, and subcategories in high school (9-12) for different recognition because of the large number of projects and the previous students were very accomplished. There was an interest to focus these categories on folks that do not get all the recognition, but also focus on different things. This included different contribution to the community. Middle age groups are not recognized as much in the community.
- What is the interest – rewriting the criteria or subcategories for each??
  - **Action: Rewrite the description and communicate that to the community. Also, work on the SWAGGER Award Rubric to fit this description.**
- Dates: Sometime during the week of November 12-16<sup>th</sup> (Not Tuesday) at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers Awards and pizza after 😊
  - Advertising in August
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> applications went live (last year)
  - 4 weeks to submit nominations
  - Close applications and review them in October
  - Event in November

BTCC News:

- The Next Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Cross-Sector team meeting for BTCC is **April 25, 2-5 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**. We will be focusing on themes of transition, reflection, and sustainability and discussing the next steps of the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge. We are invited to attend as Cross-Sector Team members in the Challenge.
- The next community quarterly gathering (open to anyone) will be Thursday, May 10, 4-6 pm at the Monroe County Public Library. It will be a Primary Prevention Training. If you are interested in joining the BTCC Core Group, please consider coming to this meeting. There is an Eventbrite registration - contact Stephanie Solomon at [btccbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:btccbloomington@gmail.com) to register.

News:

- Black and Brown Festival – May 19<sup>th</sup> at Banneker Center – \$15 fee for the people accepted. Submissions can be accepted at:<https://form.jotform.com/80676034872159>
- The Commission would like to try to find data for underrepresented youth in the community.
  - Section 8 housing for African American rejected twice as much as white families. Also working on infant mortality conversation, because African Americans die 4x more than other babies.
  - Interested in redlining, and poverty as a more salient feature.
  - Whether or not the housing authority can only take certain people out of state, we would like to know more about the process and general information.
  - Suspension rates – African American students are getting suspended at higher rates than white students.
  - Data in Bloomington is not broken down by race. Bloomington Housing Authority has information.
- Action Plan: Why and how are we gathering information, strategy, crockpot this..think about this??.

Next Meeting - May 15, 2018

Meeting adjourned

Motioned -Shawna , Seconded -Matt , Unanimously approved.