

COMMISSION ON THE

STATUS OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

May 21, 2019 - Minutes

City Hall, Hooker Conference Room (RM #245)

401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

Commissioners Present: Laura, Jen, Shawna, Georg'ann, Kira, Jimmy, and Fiora

Staff: Shatoyia Moss

Regrets: Fiora Pizzo, Georg'ann Cattelona, Kira Richardson

Guests: Matthew, Terry Amsler

Call To order: 5:35 P.M. by Shawna, second by Georg'ann.

1. Introductions
 - a. New member: Laura, Girl Scouts of SSI
 - b. New member: Jen, MCCSC, Early Childhood Initiatives
 - c. Other introductions: Shawna, Georg'ann, Kira, Jimmy, Matthew, Toyia, and Fiora
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3. Approved by Shawna, second by Fiora.
4. Co-Commission Projects
 - a. Review: A co-commission project was created with the commissions Latino Affairs, Status of Black Males, and Status of Women to review the racial disparities with school suspensions and racial minorities.
 - b. MCCSC staff and co-commission was presented with data available on the DOE Compass website, data was presented and reviewed.
 - c. Discussed the need for a summarizing finale of this co-commission project, will be led by Shatoyia. This topic is not over, nor is our interest in it, however the co-commission should be dissolved as the goal was to get explanation and data from MCCSC as well as show our commitment and interest in the topic and this was provided.
 - d. Kira explained the updated information shared at the MCCSC board meeting that rates of black student suspensions has decreased, elementary suspensions was eliminated to in-school only, and increase of white students ISS increased.
 - e. Fiora questioned the suspension follow-through and implementation of all students, and if this was done equitably.

- f. Follow-up meeting of closure of data and group will occur in fall and data will be shared in the newsletter.
5. Youth Participatory Budget YPB
- a. Kira shared information on the overall project.
 - b. Review of the website and timeline.
 - c. Final selection of delegates to occur May 25th, total of 33 youth grades 8-11.
 - d. June 3-Aug 10 is the open voting session for youth.
 - e. Discussed that participatory budget requires a lot of dedicated work and focus, and is hard for commissioners to commit and volunteer this time. This may require more work of a full time employee to be successful.
 - f. Discussed the appreciation of the work done by Shatoyia and Kira and Matthew, and discussed the increase assistance of other commissioners needed for upcoming meetings.
 - i. Upcoming dates include: June 8th, June 15th, June 25th, July 14, July 23, August 4
 - ii. Shatoyia will create a DoodlePoll or other document to distribute to all commissioners to sign-up to assist with this project and being present for these meetings.
 - iii. Also discussed that it would be good to create an “ask list” to share with the group to see how commissioners may assist.
 - g. All commissioners will assist with reading of the ideas that are compiled.
6. Street Fair
- a. Georg’ann and Matthew attend the Street Fair and hosted a table with the Status of Black Males.
 - b. Discussed that this was a worthy event for the commission to have a presence at.
 - c. Distribution of flyers and items was well received.
 - d. The commission should plan to participate each year.
7. Liaison Information
- a. Welcome new members. Will share Drive with members.
 - b. Completed
 - c. Discussed the commissions three projects: YPB, SWAGGER Awards, and Teen Roundtable. Reviewed these projects with new members, and invited all commissioners to choose which one/s they want to participate in.
 - i. Chairs will assist Shatoyia in updating applications
 - d. There are two open seats for commission
 - e. Commissioners will rotate the responsibility of secretary each meeting. One

person will take notes, then transcribe them electronically, and then share them with Shatoyia prior to next meeting.

8. Updates

- a. Newsletter items due by June 5th, and should be completed in the Google Form provided in Drive folder.
 - i. If adding a photo, please include a description of the image.
- b. Hoosier Action Network is hosting an event May 29th, 6:30-8 at the MCPLibrary Meeting Rooms 1B&C.
- c. MCCSC Resilience Movie screening 5:30-8 at BHSS June 4th.

9. Thank you commissioner Matthew for 5 years of service.

10. Next meeting, June 18th at 5:30 Hooker Conference Room.

- a. Reminder, if you are unable to attend please contact Shatoyia or Georg'ann prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Motion by Kira, second by Shawna

Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 2019