

Banneker Community Center Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

August 19th, 2019

5:30-7:00 pm

Getting Started

1. Introductions

In attendance: Victoria Englert, Stacy Sedory, Richelle Brown, Mathew Shockney, Autumn Brunelle, Heather Addison, Itia Saahir, LeAnna Level, Seth Debro, Amy Oakley, Muhammad Saahir, Martha Chamberlain, Cory Hawkins, Jennifer Perry, Erik Pearson

2. Introduction to BCCAC

a. Purpose/Goals

Mission of BCCAC (Living and breathing mission/document) Group of community members that guides staff in programming, advocacy, outreach and community support. Diverse group of participants that meets monthly and votes on changes and policy of Banneker.

Purpose: Promote equity and inclusivity through Banneker and it's programs. The hope is that the AC represents the people Banneker serves.

Goals: To increase the number of people Banneker can serve, educate people "we exist", think outside the box and find solutions, including funding and others, ensure that policy preserves dignity of community, staff and partners, want to bring people including community partners, volunteers and users.

Current Events

1. Banneker Camp

See attached information packet

Notes: Free/Reduced Lunch percentage of families represented has gone down slightly in the last few years. This program is centered around the USDA Summer Food Service Program so it's important to note. We help to offset costs for food distribution by charging \$2/day, however this only pays the difference between meals ordered and meals served.

Want to do more, especially community based programming and bringing in more community partners. The 'club' portion of the day is 1:00-3:00pm is the most necessary and most difficult time to fill for the summer.

Additionally, supporting staff through ups and downs, how to support them with policies and tools to best deal with circumstances that arise.

2. Ready Communities Implementation Grant Status

Monroe County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan (<https://www.cfbmc.org/monroe-county-quality-of-place-and-workforce-attraction-plan/>)

Ready Communities Implementation Grant (<https://regionalopportunityinc.org/ready-communities/>)

a. Timeline

2019-2020 School Year to finish all building improvements

3. Vision for BCC Post Grant

Neal-Marshall-esque center for cultural and community hub, a living representation to the city's commitment to Bloomington's minorities. Banneker has a long standing level of trust with community members and there is a sense of trust when they walk through the doors of Banneker.

Sub-committees Discussion

1. Advocacy/Outreach (Stacy Sedory, Itia Saahir, Muhammad Saahir)

Focused on strategies to expand banneker's footprint in the community i.e. update the webpage, social media accounts, what is our audience and how do we reach them? what organizations should we partner with, what events should we be attending in the community to reach different community members, hold an open house to invite,

2. Programming/Policy (Victoria Englert, Richelle Brown, Autumn Brunelle, Heather Addison, Itia Saahir, LeAnna Level, Seth Debro, Muhammad Saahir, Martha Chamberlain)

Focus on developing relationships with the community on what programs, services Banneker should be providing, winter and spring programs and beyond, creation of user focus groups to talk about what people want and need out of the center, research the potential of future programs and events, dodgeball, fitness classes, Banneker Thanksgiving, Black History Month, social media literacy class, staff discipline and policies.

3. Funding/Facility (Mathew Shockney, Amy Oakley, Autumn Brunelle, Heather Addison, LeAnna Level, Seth Debro)

Strategies to receive small and large funds, to enhance programs and facility space, online programs such as patron, most immediate need is \$20,000 for flooring, go seek donors ourselves, create a welcoming physical environment to minorities when they come in here.

Next Steps

1. Future Communication

Subcommittee meetings should meet as needed to work on projects, be ready for an update at the full body meeting.

Email and Google Docs and Google Drive

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=14Wff6tfPrDpSNJ072Fpe9lw9wGzMUzbE>

2. Discuss next meeting times

NEXT MEETING IS September 16th 5:30pm-7:00pm at Banneker Kitchen

Third Mondays going forward? Fill out poll: <https://forms.gle/UodQ7cWxZTRER6jUA>

3. Questions, thoughts, problems, concerns?