

February 6, 2019  
City Manager's Roundtable  
The Center, 28 S. Linn St.  
Meeting time 12-1 pm.

Members present: Simon Andrew, Stefanie Bowers, Anthony Branch, Denise Brotherton, Joe Coulter, Charlie Eastham, Geoff Fruin, Henri Harper, Kara Logsdon, Shannon McMahon, Jean-Paul Mugemuzi, Royceann Porter, Mazahir Salih, Orville Townsend, Sr., Kristin Watson  
Others present: LaTasha DeLoach, RaQuishia Harrington, Brea Young

#### Meeting overview

#### Presentation:

LaTasha DeLoach, Senior Center Coordinator, hosted the Roundtable and gave a presentation on The Center. She noted some patrons call it The Center to minimize the focus on age, while some use the older name, the Senior Center. Iowa City and Johnson County residents 50 and older may become members. The fee for Iowa City residents is \$40/year, with \$25/year for additional members from the same household. The fee for Johnson County residents is \$75/year, with \$45/year for additional members from the same household. The Center currently has approximately 1700 members, an all-time high. The building has many resources for the community. There are spaces anyone can rent, a kitchen (which needs work, but which Ms. DeLoach hopes to renovate into a culinary-training-level space), and the best exercise equipment in the City. A food pantry has just been opened, where people may donate or receive food. The Center offers many recreational and educational programs, from foreign language to art to technology to support groups to fitness and more. Interested residents can also suggest or create additional programs by proposing them to The Center administration. Currently, there is a Black History Month exhibit in the lobby, which was borrowed from the African-American Museum in Cedar Rapids. There are other related organizations in the building, such as Johnson County Public Health. Ms. DeLoach distributed the current program guide and led a tour of The Center.

#### Remarks:

Stefanie Bowers requested nominations for the Youth Awards coming up on May 8. She noted that nominations had decreased in recent years, and she knows there are youth out there who are doing great things in the community and not being recognized because they are not being nominated. She encouraged everyone to think of youth they know and to spread the word so more youth can be recognized. She also asked for feedback on the Roundtable, as she is working on improving it and would appreciate ideas. Finally, she discussed the Social Justice and Racial Equity Grants. This year, \$75,000 was allocated, as opposed to \$25,000 last year. The organizations the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the City Council for funding include: Iowa Harm Reduction, UI Labor Center, UI Mood Disorders Center, Shelter House, Inside Out Reentry, the Refugee and Immigrant Association, Access 2 Independence, and Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County/South District Neighborhood Association (shared grant).

LaTasha DeLoach remarked that she is no longer the contact person for Juneteenth programming or the YES program. The new person for Juneteenth is Laurie Nash, so please do not email/phone her regarding these programs.

Tony Branch mentioned that next Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., there is a fundraiser for youth cycling programs at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2355 Oakdale Rd., Coralville. This will support the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County youth cycling programs, and he hopes everyone will spread the word and come out if they can.

Denise Brotherton said that the ICPD is working on translating brochures and informational materials. The Citizens Police Academy is also currently in progress, with Henri Harper assisting. There are also several new officers in training, and we will be seeing them out and about soon.

Raquishia Harrington has declared her candidacy for City Council of North Liberty. She appreciates anyone who lives in North Liberty's vote and would be grateful for supportive words to North Liberty family and friends.

Kara Logsden brought regrets from new Library Director Elsworth Carman that he could not attend this Roundtable; he intends to attend the next one. Library staff are working on translating Summer Reading Program materials into all of the languages other materials have been translated into and are also adding Chinese. They are starting early with the Summer Reading Program materials because they have learned translation is sometimes a longer process than staff expects. The Library made a request to the City Council in its budget for fiscal year 2020 to eliminate fines on children's and young adult materials.

Royceann Porter noted she is enjoying her new role as the first African-American Johnson County Supervisor.

Notes prepared by Kristin Watson.