

Date: June 9th, 2022 at Call to order 7:02 PM

Attendees:

- Kimberly Kelly, Ixya Vega, Margaret Karcher, Alexandria Svolos, Jennie Smith-Peers, Susan (Replacement for Jennifer Thoma for this meeting to give BOPARC update)

Approval of the minutes:

- Minutes will be approved at the next meeting

Report on Council Discussion:

Report of Current events:

- Jennie mentions concerns about guns in the city.

Follow Up Items:

Nothing to follow up

New Business:

A. Survey

- 220 completed the survey, we need to have more folks in Morgantown to complete the survey
- People think that food, health clinics and screenings, mental health, walkability should be a priority
- There was a variety of ages who filled out this application but not so much in sex, race or
- There was a poverty assessment and there are folks who are at all levels and a diverse group of folks who
- For self-assessed health- we have a lot of folks who are not feeling well about their health. The number of people saying excellent is slim and that is not a good thing.
- Finding: people in higher education are saying that they feel unwell and they are typically the people who would be in the best health
- When it comes to question about food insecurity there are folks that have answered. People are eating less than they should. The cost of food is worrisome for all families. They worry about the resources to eat healthy. A lot of people did not have information about food pantries. They look for things on the internet
 - These answers show us that we need to help people understand when and how to intervene
 - Jennie suggests maybe a bystander effect training
- The number one form of transportation is car and walking. People are very worried about being hit by cars than crime while they're working
- Morgantown is NOT ADA accessible- We will have a walk to make sure that the city is ADA accessible

B. Policy from the state legislature

C. Physical Activity

- Working on grant for more of this

D. Mental Health

- Nothing to report

E. Food Insecurity

- Interest in community garden

F. Substance Abuse/Misuse (smoking, opioids)

- Maggie is working on a letter to add more support for Syringe bins. The group is thinking of locations and the group decided that Sheetz near the railtrail on beechurst would be the best spot since it's near an area with a lot of folks who are using and an underpass
- Training for smoking cessation training

G. Grants

- Activities for kids- WV has the highest obesity rate in the country and there is not a shortage of activities if you can travel, but we need easily accessible activities. You don't have to pay, or drive far where they can just show up
- Margaret and Kim worked on a grant to make a project like this happen to block off some street for kids in our community

Public Portion

- Juneteenth event in Fairmont this weekend, but there will be another in Morgantown in the future.

Adjournment: Moved by Ixya Vega, Seconded by Margaret Karcher at 8:23 PM