



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### BRONZEVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**LASHAWNDRA VERNON, CHAIR**

*Raynetta Hill, Vice-Chair*

*Anthony Smith, Baboonie Tatum, Rayhainio Boynes, Terrence Moore, Sr. and Cassandra Brooks*

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Monday, November 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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**1. Call to order.**

*Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.*

**2. Roll call.**

**Present** 6 - Vernon, Boynes, Smith, Tatum, Hill and Brooks

**Excused** 1 - Moore,

**Also present:**

*Kari Smith, DCD Real Estate*

*Matt Rejc, DCD Commercial Corridor*

**3. Introduction of new membership.**

*Member Brooks was introduced as a new member.*

*Ms. Brooks said that she lives in Halyard Park and was excited to contribute to the committee.*

**4. Bronzeville RFPs, listings, projects, programs, initiatives, events, grants, activities, plans, or other aspects for update, discussion, presentation, review, motion, recommendation, and/or approval.**

*a. DCD Commercial Corridor grant updates.*

*Mr. Rejc gave an update. Grants through their office was still available stemming from Bronzeville TID funding. Grants include facade, signage, and storefront activation. The application period was live on a rolling basis while funds were still available. Application information was available via their website.*

*b. DCD Real Estate updates.*

*Ms. Smith gave an update. There were no current projects or RFPs through their office at this time. They continue to engage Ald. Milele Coggs and the Historic King Drive BID on what to do with the historically designated building at 2673 N. MLK Jr. Dr. That building was acquired by the City in 2010 and has remained vacant since. There has been a lack of responses and a lack of success to sell the building. The building continues to deteriorate. Due to its historic designation status, demolition of the building should be avoided. There was a lack of financial resources to maintain the building. The building is impacting neighboring buildings.*

*Chair Vernon said that this building has been discussed by the committee several times and she would like to be included in those ongoing discussions regarding this building.*

*c. Other.*

*There was no other discussion.*

**5. Review and approval of the 2026 meeting schedule.**

*Mr. Lee said that the 2026 meeting dates proposed follows the same bi-monthly frequency and would be as follows all on a Monday at 9 a.m.: January 26, March 16, May 11, July 13, September 21, and November 16.*

*Members said that they wanted to meet in-person, if possible, during the warmer months for the meetings of May 11 and July 13. Meetings could be held in the community, such as at ThriveOn, or at City Hall.*

*Member Hill moved approval, seconded by member Smith, of the 2026 meeting schedule. There was no objection.*

**6. Public comments and/or announcements.**

*Beth Van Gorp, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, shared that they were in the process of closing some of their newly built homes in Harambee and that members were invited to the dedication events of those homes.*

*Member Boynes said that it was great to see these homes being built and that he had volunteered on some of those houses.*

**7. Next steps.**

*a. Agenda items for the next meeting.*

*Members discussed getting an update on Emem Group on several of their*

*development projects, especially along MLK, and an update on the plan for 6th Street (no longer receiving federal funding) and other active plans in the Bronzeville District garnering community input and the local BID's involvement.*

*b. Next meeting date and time.*

*Monday, January 26, 2026 at 9 a.m.*

**8. Adjournment.**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.*

*Chris Lee, Staff Assistant  
Council Records Section  
City Clerk's Office*