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From: Ryan Klund <rjklund@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Acquah, Terence
Cc: Lee, Chris
Subject: Re: Video for Bronzeville Neighborhood

Thank you Terence!

I would be happy to speak at a Committee meeting about this project.

To give you a more thorough explanation of the project:

My intentions are to produce highlight/tourist videos of different Milwaukee neighborhoods to encourage residents to walk in and around places in the city that they might not normally visit.

The vision of this project is to help work towards a less segregated Milwaukee by encouraging people to confront their inherited stereotypes one walk at a time.

I'm a film maker and 2007 graduate of UWM. I currently work full-time for SWICKtech, a technology company in New Berlin, but previously I worked in Communication and Video Production for a mega-church in St. Joseph, MI and before that - a TV Station, ABC 57 in South Bend, IN. I've been telling video stories for my entire adult life.

I got the idea for this project while taking runs in my neighborhood this summer. I live in Washington Heights on the west side. I always run east in Washington Park. I love those runs and I can't help but notice the blatant segregation of our city just on different sides of the park!

Like many other Americans, I've had my heart broken watching black people get killed by police violence. I've listened and learned about systemic racism in every aspect of America. It doesn't seem like it's enough to cheer for change from the sidelines. Instead of trying to ignore the hidden racist beliefs inside of myself, I feel a calling to confront it and wrestle with it. Walking through and experiencing neighborhoods where white-america has told me not to go seems like an obvious first step.

I believe that every neighborhood in Milwaukee is beautiful. We have so much artwork, architecture, culture and people that might not be experienced unless we break our city's segregation. I think if we encourage people to walk in areas they might not have gone before, they'll be able to see other people in a new and more loving way.

I'm not looking for any monetary gain from this project, only to help Milwaukee become a better place for everyone.

Thanks for this opportunity, I think Bronzeville would be an awesome neighborhood to start in!

Ryan



Ryan Klund

Storyteller and Communications Professional



On Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 2:46 PM Acquah, Terence <tacqua@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ryan,

Would you be interested in discussing your film project to the Bronzeville Advisory Committee? The Bronzeville Advisory Committee is a group made up of local stakeholders. I have recently been appointed to the committee, and I brought your project up to the members.

The members showed interest in hearing more about your project. Depending on your intentions, there might be interest in assisting you with the project. I have copied Chris Lee, of the City Clerk's office. If you're interested, he will provide you a link to the next meeting that will be held in October. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Terence

From: Ryan Klund <rjklund@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Acquah, Terence <tacqua@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: Video for Bronzeville Neighborhood

Thank you Terence! This is a project that's been on my heart and I'm excited to feature the Bronzeville neighborhood.

Have a great weekend,

Ryan

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 10:33 AM Acquah, Terence <tacqua@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out. I will pass your email along to some neighborhood partners to see if they would be interested in speaking to you. I will follow up with

up in a couple of days.

Best,

Terence

From: Ryan Klund <rjklund@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2020 2:25 PM

To: Bronzeville <Bronzeville@milwaukee.gov>

Subject: Video for Bronzeville Neighborhood

Hello,

My name is Ryan Klund. I'm a filmmaker here in Milwaukee and I'm working on a video project and I'd like to feature the Bronzeville Neighborhood.

I want to create videos to encourage people to take walks in different Milwaukee neighborhoods that they might not usually visit. I'm trying to find someone to interview about some light history and points of interest in the neighborhood.

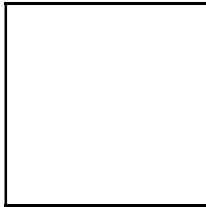
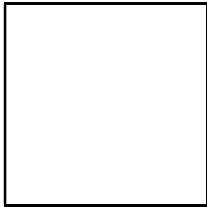
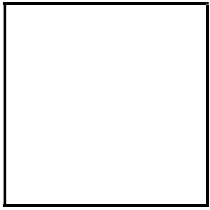
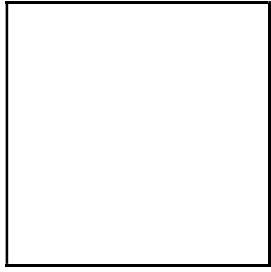
Can you help point me in the right direction?

Thanks! I'm looking forward to hearing from you. If you're interested in my work feel free to visit my website at <http://www.ryanklund.com/work>

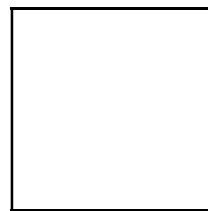
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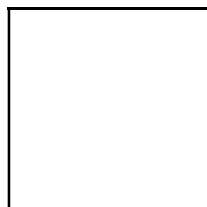
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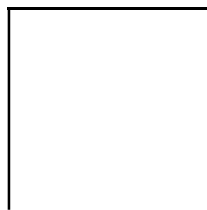
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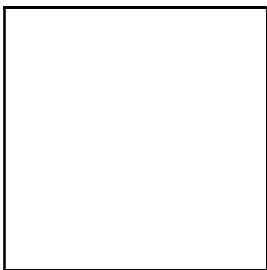
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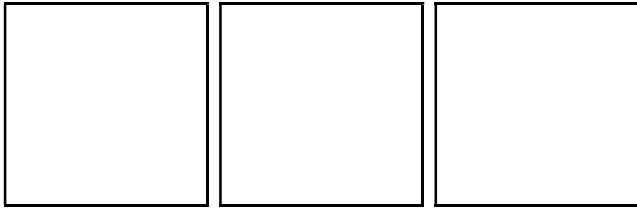
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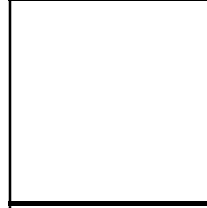


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