



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### BLACK MALE ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**MAYOR TOM BARRETT, CO-CHAIR and COMMON COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT ASHANTI HAMILTON, CO-CHAIR**  
*Chris Abele, Joaquin Altoro, Raymond Banks, Robert Cherry,  
Spencer Coggs, William Coleman, David C. Crowley, Ellen  
Gilligan, Torre Johnson, Jeanette Kowalik, Leigh Kunde,  
Robert Randolph, Shannon Reed, Mark Sain and Rashaad  
Washington*

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Thursday, January 10, 2019

10:00 AM

Room 303, City Hall

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1. Call to Order at 10:13 A.M.

2. Roll Call.

**Present** 14 - Hamilton, Barrett, Sain, Coggs, Altoro, Davidson, Kunde, Crowley, Gant,  
Reed, Gilligan, Banks, Randolph and Johnson

**Absent** 2 - Cherry and Washington

**Excused** 1 - Coleman

**Also present:**

**Lamont Smith for Ellen Gilligan**

**Tim McMurtry, II - on behalf of Robert Cherry**

3. Approval of the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

*Motion by Mayor Barrett, seconded by Mr. Sain to approve minutes of the November  
29, 2018 meeting. There were no objections.*

4. Introduction of new member - Joaquin Altoro.

5. My Brother's Keeper Action Plan - new partners - Mike Peeples.

*The New and Potential Partners are:  
Carmen High School  
City Year  
UW - African American Male Initiative  
I.C. Stars  
Wisconsin works; MAXIMUS  
Milwaukee Jobs*

*Wisconsin Fathers for Children and Families  
Express Yourself Milwaukee  
The Parenting Network  
MPS, Parenting & Pregnant Youth Program  
ALMA Center  
Parklawn Assembly of God  
Asset Builders  
The Wake Up Program  
Spectrum Non-profit Services; PIVOT  
Wisconsin Anti-violence Efforts (WAVE)*

6. Workgroups - Purpose and Process - Mike Peeples/President Hamilton.

*The purpose of the Black Male Achievement Advisory Council (BMAAC) is to make recommendations to the Common Council on the issue of African American male achievement. The BMAAC shall also oversee the City Leadership Grant to Promote Black Male Achievement from the National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education and Families, and to include making recommendations relating to the My Brother's Keeper presidential initiative.*

*The BMAAC workgroups are the following:*

*Education & Workforce Development  
(Lead agencies: MPS, MATC, Employ Milwaukee)*

*Members:*

*Mark Sain  
Shannon Reed  
Rashaad Washington  
David Crowley*

*Criminal Justice Reform & Violence Reduction  
(Lead agencies: Legal Action of Wisconsin & Office of Violence Prevention)*

*Members:*

*Torre Johnson, Sr.  
William Coleman  
David Crowley  
Ray Banks*

*Health  
(Lead agency: Milwaukee Health Department)*

*Members:*

*Darryl Davidson  
David Crowley  
Spencer Coggs*

*Leadership & Civic Engagement  
(Lead agencies: PIVOT & Running Rebels)*

*Members:*

*Leigh Kunde  
William Coleman*

*Learning & Systems Development  
(Lead agency: Greater Milwaukee Foundation)*

*Members:*

*Lamont Smith  
Shannon Reed*

*The purpose and process of these workgroups are:  
To meet and collaborate on MBK action plan and new ideas.  
To share best practices, outcomes, and areas in need of improvements with BMAAC.  
To identify new partners to strengthen work groups and MBK community.*

7. My Brother's Keeper Alliance Update: "Community to Watch" designation - Mike Peeples/Shannon Reed.

*The United Way was considered for the MBK Community Challenge through the Obama Foundation Grant application; although the agency was not selected as final recipient for the grant, it was given the "Community to Watch" designation. In February 2019, Mr. Reed, Mr. Ramey, and Mr. Peeples will be attending the MBK Raising Community Meeting in Oakland this February 2019.*

*They will be have the opportunity to visit the community to see what is happening in the Oakland community.*

8. Equal Rights Commission Update - Mr. Ordoñez

*The most resent ordinance relating to the Equal Rights Commission, repeals and recreates chapter 109 of the code reconstituting the city's equal rights commission.*

*The role and procedures of the commission in enforcing prohibitions against discrimination in the city are retained for those matters and complaints that are not subject to federal or state jurisdiction and enforcement. Matters and complaints investigated and prosecuted by the commission are subject to the same procedural requirements as previously codified.*

*The commission shall monitor and review the equal rights climate within the city and make recommendations to the mayor and the common council to promote social and economic equity for all residents of the city.*

*The ordinance provides for cooperation among city departments and the commission, to also identify those programs and activities of the city that provide opportunities for the promotion of equal rights, to evaluate city efforts related to equal rights, to recognize accomplishments, and to develop recommendations for extending and improving equal rights and opportunities in city programs and activities.*

*The ordinance increases the number of members of the equal rights commission from 7 to 9. Furthermore, this ordinance adds domestic partners, victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault, HIV-positive persons, and homeless individuals to the existing list of protected persons and also provides for protection on the basis of genetic identity.*

9. Announcements:

MENTOR Greater Milwaukee (MGM) is an affiliate of MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership. MGM is an advocate for the expansion of quality mentoring in Metro Milwaukee and a resource for mentors and mentoring initiative county-wide. MGM will work collaboratively across sectors to support existing and emerging organizations that provide mentoring services to youth. The MISSION of MENTOR Greater Milwaukee is to increase quality mentoring relationships by building the capacity of existing mentoring organizations matching a caring adult with children in need through safe, effective mentoring programs via Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Bucks, and the City of Milwaukee.

The UW-Milwaukee African American Male Initiative (AMMI) invites all to submit your proposals by January 11, 2019 for the Sixth Annual Summit on Black Male Youth.

The summit will take place Monday, March 18, 2019 for high schools and Tuesday, March 19, 2019 for middle schools from 9am - 3pm at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union. They are seeking workshops presenter to participate. Ms. Ramona Sledge will be sending more information to be distributed among BMAAC members to disseminate.

Green Infrastructure Crew Member Application

This paid learning experience will introduce young adults to career pathways in sustainable public infrastructure. For individuals with an interest in protecting the environment, art, engineering, architecture, and sustainability; You must be 16-24 years of age. This job involves a combination of outdoor and classroom work. Program will begin late January and run through May 2019. Crew members will work 7-10 hours a week. (The Summer Program will begin late June, 20 hours a week and you'll need to reapply.)

City's Office of African American Affairs location has been confirmed at 4850 W Fond Du Lac Ave, projected to be open for operation late summer to early Fall 2019.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 Am  
Joanna Polanco  
Staff Assistant

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