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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A- ACTIVITY ROOM  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters  
Mr. Nathan Rogers  
Ms. Venester Haywood  
Ms. Candace E. Wicks  
Ms. Johnnie Goins  
Mr. Stephen G. Foster  
Rev. Donna Slater  
Ms. Dianne Gibson  
Mr. Michael Lugo  
Mrs. Karissa N. Madison  
Ms. Elaine Sacks

ABSENT

Mr. John Paul Lewis

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II  
Natashia Cooper, Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Dr. Waters.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was completed and the sign-in sheet will serve as notice of roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gibson made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. The board approved.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Back to School

Ms. Sacks reported that the event went over very well. It is the goal to get started now for the 2017 MLK Back to School Festival. The barber and stylist piece were very well received during the event. The event was well attended and very organized. We are striving for greater for 2017.

B. Hispanic Heritage

Mr. Lugo reported that the speaker Mr. Hector Flores will be unable to attend, he has to report back early to Washington DC. We have re-organized and will be having a panel type

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discussion with Dallas Most Influential Women. The panel is set for 30 minutes; we have 5 questions already presented to the panelist that covers how they were able to obtain executive positions here in Dallas. We are working on attendance that will help engage the panelist. We are trying to get entertainment arranged and we will have refreshments.

#### C. Day of Dignity

Mrs. Bacon reported that the Day of Dignity event will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10am-1pm. This is a great partnership with the Islamic community. This year event is slated to be larger than last year; they have added furniture to be given this year. During the event we will be paying TXU bills and all items given will be given FREE to all that attend. This is an annual event that is done around the USA by the different Islamic Relief organizations.

#### D. Harambee Festival

Ms. Gibson reported that sponsorships and donations are needed to fund the event. They are still in need of security, stage, electrical, and items for the kids that attend the event. Mrs. Bacon reported that the event will take place on the grassy area and that Ms. Jones has reached out to Councilwoman Young for help.

#### E. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration

Mr. Rogers reported that we are still waiting on some final decisions surrounding the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend.

#### DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Foster is still working to have a commemorative event on March 17, 2017. At this time a scholarship is being worked on as to how the funding will take place, and it is desired that the scholarship be an annual scholarship to the student. The committee is still working on the foundation of the commemorative event honoring Dr. Chambers.

#### CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bacon presented the report for August

#### CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

N/A

#### BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters made room for an Ad Hoc Committee report from Ms. Haywood. Ms. Haywood reported that she had a follow up meeting with Mr. Allen Sims recapping the meeting from April 2016. In that follow up meeting the discussion was mostly surrounding the improvements for the building. Dr. Waters also spoke about the old business of a letter to Council surrounding the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Celebration. Ms. Gibson made a motion to have the letter completed by the board chair. Mr. Rogers made a request for a deadline date to be added to the letter. The date would be September 26, 2016. The motion was accepted and the board approved. Dr. Waters also addressed that the press nationally has referred to Dallas as the "City of Poverty". This is an initiative that Dr. King was working on before his untimely death.

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Dr. Waters would like for the board to work on how we help the community move from the mindset that has led to the label of poverty. Ms. Wicks offered that maybe during the Dr. King weekend that a panel discussion is added to the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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