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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 - 6:30P.M.

POSTED CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TX

WebEx Meeting Address:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/j.php?MTID=e25bd5ca00869ed9f02d81c5fe7176e8>

Join by phone

1-408-418-9388

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Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome  
Dr. Jerry Christian, Chair
2. Invocation/Opening Statement  
Dr. Jerry Christian, Chair
3. Roll Call  
Mrs. LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II
4. Approval of Minutes  
Dr. Jerry Christian, Chair
  - A. Approval of November 16, 2020 Minutes
5. Update/Discussion - 2020 MLK Advisory Board Annual Report of Board Activities (Due 2/1/21)  
Dr. Jerry Christian, Chair  
Ms. Michelle Espinal-Embler
6. Update/Discussion - MLK Celebration (2021)  
Mr. Asa Woodberry, Sub-Committee Chair
  - A. Logo
  - B. Scholarship
  - C. Keynote Speaker
  - D. Fundraising/Gala Pricing
  - E. Programming Logistics and Responsibilities
7. Award Voting  
Advisory Board
8. 2020 Center Cultural Events  
Ms. Pamela R. Jones, Division Manager III
  - A. Fresh Produce Distribution
  - B. Thanksgiving Baskets
  - C. Winter Warm-Up
9. Public Comments  
Speakers
10. Adjournment

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.086]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.089]

### **Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities**

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."



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MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks  
Mr. Asa Woodberry  
Mr. Trent Hughes  
Mrs. Michelle Espinal-Embler  
Dr. Jerry Christian  
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble  
Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker  
Rev. Donna Slater  
Ms. Johnnie Goins

ABSENT

Ms. Amanda Johnson  
Ms. Candace Wicks

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II  
Pamela R. Jones, Division Manager

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator  
Jessica Galleshaw, Director

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Christian called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Chair Christian prayed for everyone, the community and the decorum of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Christian called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Trimble made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Rev. Slater seconded the motion. The board approved.

DISCUSSION: 2020 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MLK ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Christian stated that the last committee established for the Annual Report. Dr. Christian asked Board Member Espinal to be the lead and create a draft for the next meeting in December. Board Member Trimble volunteered to work with Board Members Espinal and Wicks.

DISCUSSION: UPDATE /DISCUSSION MLK CELEBRATION (2021)

Chair Christian requested Board Member Woodberry to give the report from the sub-committee. Board Member Woodberry asked for an update regarding the first-choice speaker Cint Marshall. Dr. Slaughter stated that he would contact Ms. Tolbert for an update. Board Member Woodberry stated that the board would be responsible for the Day of Service. The sub-committee thought about a cleaning project at the center or a donation drive to receive items from the community and then disperse to the community. Board Member Trimble suggested that the board assist and attend the current events at the center because the center is already doing give backs to the community. Dr. Slaughter suggested that the board look back at the original suggestion of Day of Service by looking at the volunteer opportunities that would allow the community to commit hours of service to events once there are no Covid-19 restrictions. Board Member Sacks will be the lead for the Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place with no more than 45 people attending the ceremony in the gymnasium. Dr. Christian reminded everyone of the earlier suggestion that the main wreath will be laid at the statue by the board. Board Member Woodberry stated that there will be a Day of Prayer and the request is that Dr. Christian be the lead on this program. There was a suggestion by Board Member Espinal that the faith leaders be chosen from the list that the Mayor and City Council utilize for the council meetings. Board Member Woodberry stated that there will be a Gala for 2021 and it will be virtual. There will be a tiered price for attendance of the virtual Gala. The virtual platform pricing is what we are awaiting, it is the hope that we can maintain a reasonable cost for the virtual event. The goal is to make sure that we continue to fundraise so that in 2022 there will be funds available.

2020 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 2,382 families during the month of October 2020. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30am at the Park South YMCA during the Covid-19 pandemic. For the month of October, we had two (2) events Day of Dignity Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm which served 607 and the Harambee Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 10:00am-3:00pm which served 538. Each of these events will be drive thru in accordance to the Covid-19 measures. In the month of November, we will have our Thanksgiving Basket distribution date will be November 23, 2020 and Thanksgiving for the Community will take place November 25, 2020. In the month of December, we will have our Winter Warm-Up event will take place on December 17-18, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Signature

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Printed name

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Date



### 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Essay Contest

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce the 2021 high school senior and college freshmen essay contest! The contest will award six scholarships up to \$5,000 (per award) to graduating high school seniors or first-year students accepted into a college-level educational institution (two-year college, four-year college, or trade school).

#### Essay Contest Rules & Eligibility

1. [The 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest](#) is open to; 1. High School Seniors attending a City of Dallas High School; and 2. First-Year students (must have a permanent address within the City of Dallas) accepted into a collegiate educational institution (two-year college, four-year college, or trade school). These Scholarships are to help defray the cost of tuition, books, room and board, etc. Winners will be formally recognized at the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship & Awards Gala** on Saturday, January 23, 2021.
2. Submission Deadline: **Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via submission portal.**
3. One essay per student. Essays must be original, typed, and double-spaced; high school essays should not exceed 1,000 words and college essays should not exceed 1,500 words.
4. The cover sheet must contain the student's name, school, home/cellular phone number, address, and email address (**do not include this information in the body of the essay**).
5. Essays will be judged based on organization, content, voice, creativity, and grammatical structure.
6. Prior scholarship **winner**s are ineligible to apply.

**Essay Theme: “The Fierce Urgency of Now”**

“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.” — **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1963**

**Essay Prompt**

Describe a social justice problem, concern, or issue you would like to solve as it relates to **“The Fierce Urgency of Now.”** It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance. Explain its significance to you and what steps you can take to identify a solution.

*Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.*

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### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship & Award Gala

The purpose and goal of these awards are to acknowledge those that echo the City of Dallas' core values of *Empathy, Ethics, Equity, & Excellence* as a reflection of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Awards

**Community Service Award** – This award honors persons/organizations who are making significant contributions to the community through their time, actions, talents, dedication, in-kind sponsorships, and partnerships that has supported the programs and services of the MLK Jr. Community Center throughout the year.

- Empowering the Masses – Juneteenth Celebration Drive Thru, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Winter Warm-Up
- Terris Perkins, Jr. – MLK Celebration, Juneteenth Drive Thru, Back to School Drive Thru, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Winter Warm-Up

**Excellence Award** – This award recognizes outstanding collaborations and sponsorships by an organization that has routinely and historically sought to improve practices, implement best practices, and be continuously positively impactful to their community with an emphasis on the MLK Jr. Community Center.

#### Corporations:

- Boss Fight Entertainment – Juneteenth Drive Thru Celebration, Back to School Drive Thru Festival, and Thanksgiving Baskets
- Ellen's Kitchen – MLK Fresh Produce Distribution, Juneteenth Drive Thru Celebration, and Thanksgiving Baskets

#### Non-Profit:

- Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – MLK Celebration, Juneteenth Celebration, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Winter Warm-Up
- LIRA Group – MLK Celebration, MLK Feeding Program, Juneteenth Celebration, Back to School Festival, Harambee Festival, Thanksgiving Baskets, Thanksgiving Homeless Feeding, and Winter Warm-Up

**Humanitarian (Empathy) Award** – The recipient must show examples of having a strong commitment to the programs and services of the MLK Jr. Community Center by participating in or promoting activities that emphasize social responsibility in responding to domestic and/or local issues.

- Transportation Unlimited, Inc. – MLK Celebration, Juneteenth Drive Thru, Thanksgiving Baskets and Winter Warmup
- Miles of Freedom – MLK Celebration, MLK Fresh Produce Center, Juneteenth Celebration, Back to School and Thanksgiving Baskets

**Volunteer of the Year** – The persons or organizations being nominated for this award will have consistently demonstrated qualities of compassion, and service to the programs and services of the MLK Jr. Community Center throughout the year.

- Sons of Solomon – MLK Celebration, MLK Fresh Produce Distribution, Juneteenth Celebration, Back to School Festival, Harambee Festival, and Thanksgiving Baskets
- Phoenix Rising #357 - MLK Celebration and MLK Fresh Produce Center

**Trail Blazer Award** - The recipient nominated for this award will have used their specific platform, to highlight issues and inequities across racial and gender lines. The recipient ideally, will be working to create awareness of these issues and creating positive change within the community. The recipient will also be educating the public on issues and provide ideas and opportunities to get involved and what can be done to address and solve these problems in our community.

- Dale Hansen