



City of Dallas

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

WebEx Meeting Address:

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Join by phone

1-408-418-9388

Access code:

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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. Candace Wicks

VACANT POSITIONS

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9
11
13

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 6:41pm.

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 Sacks made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Hughes seconded the motion. The board approved.

UPDATE/DISCUSSION - 2020 MLK ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Christian requested that Board Member Embler give a report with sub-committee attendance. Board Member Embler stated that there has not been a meeting with the sub-committee at this time. That there would be a meeting after the board to complete the draft template that is presented tonight. Board Member requested feedback from everyone during the meeting. Board Member Embler stated that the report has more visual appeal with the strong background descriptions. Chair Christian requested that the next board meeting the sub-committee present a final draft for vote of submission.

UPDATE /DISCUSSION - MLK CELEBRATION (2021)

Chair Christian stated that he is appreciates the leadership of Board Member Woodberry. Board Member Woodberry reported that the Day of Prayer will take place on January 17, 2021. That the faith leaders are from an internal list, currently the committee does not have the list of names. The Scholarship & Awards Gala will take place on January 23, 2021. The keynote speaker Cynt Marshall is confirmed but will not be able to complete a Q&A after the gala. Second, the ticket prices have changed and will now be \$50 and \$25, both will come with a keepsake for 2021. The Day of Service is canceled for 2021 due to the pandemic. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on 1/19/2021. The Mayor and board members will record on January 15, 2021, and during this recording Covid-19 measures must be adhered to on campus. Board Member Woodberry stated that the sub-committee will submit keepsake ideas to Dr. Slaughter.

AWARD VOTING

Chair Christian turned the voting over to Mrs. Bacon. We started the roll call for vote on the category Community Service Award with a vote of 8-1 the winner is Empowering the Masses. Category Corporate Excellence Award with a vote 9-0 the winner is Ellen’s Kitchen. Category NonProfit Excellence Award with a vote 6-3 the winner is LIRA Group. Category Humanitarian Award with a vote of 9-0 the winner is Miles of Freedom. Category Volunteer of the Year with a vote of 8-1 the winner is Sons of Solomon.

2020 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 2,945 families during the month of November 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 November, we had two (2) events Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday, November 23, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm which served 260 and the Thanksgiving Cares on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, from 10:00am-12:00pm. This event was sponsored by LIRA Group in partnership with the center, Everybody Eats Dallas and Comfort for College the event was for the Homeless population and they were given a hot meal, hygiene products, clothing and other personal items, and a sweet treat this program served 252. In the month of December, we will have our Winter Warm-Up event with a distribution date will be December 17-18, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Trimble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Rev. Slater seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Signature

Printed name

Date