

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CARE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A – ACTIVITY ROOM A
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Mr. Asa Woodberry
Rev. Donna Slater
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble
Mrs. Michelle Espinal-Embler
Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Mrs. Shari Hicks

ABSENT

Ms. Amanda Johnson
Ms. Candace E. Wicks
Ms. Venester J. Haywood
Mr. Trent Hughes

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

INVOCATION

Board Member Goins prayed for everyone, the community and the decorum of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by Shari Hicks.

MLK ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Hicks has asked Board Member Espinal to create a skeleton report that all other members can place their comments. Board Member Espinal will mainly focus on the recommendation section for the needs of the center. The board is asking for the Center's Strategic Plan in order to stay in line for needs that the board can advocate for.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Chair Hicks stated that the board has been asked to coordinate and plan the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the center. Chair Hicks asked for a lead from the board, Board Member Sacks volunteered. Chair Hicks called for a vote and the board agreed with Board Member Sacks being the lead for the 2020 MLK Wreath Laying Ceremony.

WALLS PROJECT - DISCUSSION

Chair Hicks asked Dr. Slaughter to explain the Walls Project. For 2020, the Walls Project will complete a project during the MLK Celebration weekend at the center. Dr. Slaughter presented two (2) renderings to the board for their input. During the discussion, Dr. Slaughter stated that the mural would be placed on the stage area at the center, there is no cost to the center, and there are volunteer artists donating their time to the project. After much discussion the board requested that one (1) rendering be changed to reflect the colors to be plain black, green, white and grey instead of the colors. Also, change the words to reflect King and Dream. Chair Hicks asked the final question regarding the maintenance of the mural. Dr. Slaughter stated that he would ask those questions while requesting changes to the rendering.

MLK CORRIDOR CLEAN-UP

Chair Hicks asked Dr. Slaughter to explain the MLK Corridor Clean-Up. This is a project that will be sponsored by the Matthew Southwest group from the South Dallas area. They will be cleaning from Holmes Street to Fair Park for a clean-up service project. This is another project that is taking place during the MLK Celebration weekend.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Clients Served

Ms. Jones provided an overview on social services and tenant programs for the month of September and October. For the month of September, the Social Services Program's total number of clients assisted with financial, food, referrals and donations were 1,117. Financial assistance for 123 individuals totaled approximately \$82,708.49.

For the month of October, the Social Services Program's total number of clients assisted with financial, food, referrals and donations were 2,041. Financial assistance for 84 individuals totaled approximately \$65,885.53 (A breakdown section of the financial assistance was included).

- Tenant Program Highlights

In September, the Black Chamber of Commerce reached an organizational milestone that would include preparing for Frankie Beverly and Maze to raise money for our Scholarship students. On September 17, 2019, ChildCareGroup's Ms. Bobbie Blair was recognized in the Dallas Morning News for her 50th year at ChildCareGroup and in this field. You may find the article in the Metro & Business Section on the front page. We are so privileged to have her continued dedication at an arm's reach. Family Care Connection has increased their visibility at the MLK Center, compared to previous years, which has also increased their number of client's served. For HG Consulting/Senior Year Production, DADSA Parent Workshop, students have started to receive college acceptance letters. Turner 12 Inc. held its 6th Annual Golfing for Grads Tournament Fundraiser. They had 7 of our 12 students finish on the A Honor Roll.

In October, the Black Chamber of Commerce held a candidate's forum at the South Dallas Cultural Center, three candidates were present. There were about 30 community members that attended the forum, it was very informative. The ChildCareGroup would like to thank the entire MLK Complex for treating the children at our center. The staff and children enjoyed the treats and cookie decorating station that was provided for them. Thank you all! Empowering the Masses received an UBER grant that will benefit the entire MLK Center. Family Care Connection has had an increased number of client's served and increased visibility at the MLK Center. HG Consulting/Senior Year Production reports 50% of seniors have received acceptance letters to college. MLK Dallas Civil Rights Museum traveled to Queensland, Australia and New South Wales, Australia on October 21-31, 2019 to research the history of Aboriginal Australians and to see the similarities between British Colonizing there and how the British colonized what became America. They collected information on the struggle for Aboriginals to gain civil rights and compared it with the civil rights movement on America. MLK Recreation Center was a part of the Harambee and Fair Park Community Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Goins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.