

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, DECEMBER 16, 2019 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Mr. Asa Woodberry
Rev. Donna Slater
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble
Ms. Candace Wicks
Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Mr. Trent Hughes
Ms. Venester J. Haywood

ABSENT

Ms. Amanda Johnson
Ms. Zandra Medenhall
Mrs. Michelle Espinal-Embler
Dr. Jerry Christian

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

Vice Chair Wicks called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

INVOCATION

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIR

Dr. Slaughter took the opportunity to announce the new board chair in his absence, Dr. Jerry Christian, who is currently out of the country.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Wicks asked new member Trent Hughes to stand and introduce himself.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

PRESENTATION: AMERICAN AIRLINES

Vice Chair Wicks asked Ms. Jones to explain that the presentation would have to be rescheduled due to American Airlines not attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Sacks made the motion to approve the minutes and Rev. Slater seconded the motion. The board approved.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY UPDATES

Vice Chair Wicks asked Ms. Jones reported that the event will take place at the center in front of the statue on January 15, 2020, at 12:00pm. Ms. Jones asked Ms. Sacks to report an overview of the event. Ms. Sacks discussed the program with everyone and what other activities will take place on that day.

DAY OF PARADE BOARD PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jones reported that there are still opportunities to volunteer for the full week of activities and that anyone that would like to volunteer to please contact Alesha.whibbey@dallascityhall.com. There will be a parade float for board members and please email larhonda.bacon@dallascityhall.com and copy pamela.jones2@dallascityhall.com with your attendance updates. The Gala will take place at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. A question was asked if the board members tickets will be complimentary? Dr. Slaughter replied that he did not have that answer but will work to get the answer to the board as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION: 2019 FINAL ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

Vice Chair Wicks received a motion from Rev. Slater to table the discussion of the Annual Report until the chair arrives for input in this report. Ms. Sacks second the motion. After discussion the board approved the motion.

MLK MURAL UPDATE

Dr. Slaughter reported that there have been some unforeseen obstacles to complete the mural by January 2020. The project must be presented to a couple of different committees before it is approved to take place on campus. There will still be a cleaning project that will take place during the King holiday.

VOTING ITEM: MLK AWARD BALLOT

Ms. Jones passed out the ballots to the boards asking them to review and rank their choices in each category. Vice Chair Wicks asked the board members to take several minutes to cast their votes. During the ballot choices there was much discussion regarding the nominees and the Excellence category. After much discussion Board member Hughes made a motion to separate the Excellence Award and make one for corporate and one for non-profit. Ms. Sacks seconded the motion. After more discussion the board approved the motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Clients Served
Ms. Jones provided an overview on social services and tenant programs for the month of November. For the month of November, the Social Services Program's total number of clients assisted with financial, food, referrals and donations was 1,721. Financial assistance for 43 individuals totaled approximately \$44,335.24.
- Tenant Program Highlights

- In November, the Black Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 93rd year. We are the oldest Black Chamber in the United States. Our mission is to serve as an advocate for creation, growth and general welfare of African American businesses in the Dallas Community.
- 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 first class of Phlebotomy students graduated and passed their certification exams. We are currently preparing for EM. Through partnership with Frito Lay we have been able to supply snacks to the center and 40 after school programs. We have been able to provide over 35 free Uber rides to clients of the MLK Center.
- 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.
- HG Consulting/Senior Year Production has 65% of its seniors receiving acceptance letters to college.
- Turner 12 Inc. fed 100 senior citizens during Thanksgiving break at Buckeye Commons Housing Development.
- The MLK Dallas Civil Rights Museum developed a Harriet Tubman selected reading list in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Omicron Mu Omega Chapter Dallas, TX arts committee and prepared window display of books about Harriet Tubman

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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