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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 20, 2023 | 6:30PM

CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Agenda #230258

Location: City Hall | 1500 Marilla Street | Dallas, TX 75201 **CR City Hall Briefing Room 6ES**

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Presiding: Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks – District 1  
Dr. Zandra Mendenhall – District 2  
Ms. Candace E. Wicks – District 3/Vice Chair  
Ms. Jonda Mitchell – District 6  
Mrs. Jessica Jolly – District 7  
Mrs. Shlawnda Celestine – District 8  
Mr. Kelly Drake – District 9  
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble – District 10/Chair  
Dr. Jose Dela Cruz – District 11  
Mr. Michael Ross – District 12  
Ms. Betty Carter Hooey – District 15

ABSENT

Mrs. Ann Williams – District 4  
Mr. Jesse Tafalla, Jr. – District 5  
Mr. Cannon Brown – District 14

VACANT

District 13

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Supervisor

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator  
Jessica Galleshaw, Director  
Steve McFayden, Assistant City Attorney  
Bian Beverly, Assistant City Attorney

COMMUNITY PRESENT

NA

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Brown-Trimble called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Board Member Ross completed the opening prayer for everyone, the community, and the decorum of the meeting. Board Chair Brown-Trimble welcomed new board member Jonda Mitchell/District 6 and allowed time for her to introduce herself. Board Chair Brown-Trimble also took a moment to announce that Board Member Ann Williams was not present during the meeting because she was receiving a very distinguished Presidential Award, and asked everyone to reach out with congratulations.

ADVISORY BOARD & CITY STAFF ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Brown-Trimble called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Drake made a motion to approve the meeting February 27, 2023, minutes. Board Member Ross seconded the motion. The Board approved.

DISCUSSION: 2024 MLK CELEBRATION PLANNING

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Dr. Slaughter. Dr. Slaughter opened the conversation with gala items of tickets, program booklet, and keepsake. After much discussion, Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz made a request for the board to receive more information regarding the items requested for vote so that the board can make the best voting decision for the celebration. Board members agreed especially for the ticket prices if there were to be an increase or for the price to remain the same. Requesting examples of the different styles of program booklets with prices. The keepsakes nominated for consideration are a baseball cap, t-shirt, paper weight, Letter opener, wine glass, pop-its or cellphone cover.

The nomination for celebration colors were purple and gold, and kente cloth. There was some discussion to further narrow down the kente cloth. The board voted 8-3 for the 2024 celebration colors to be purple and gold. The board submitted 5 theme nominations. After much discussion, the board voted 6-5 for the 2024 celebration theme would be "Dream the Impossible Dream: Arise and Pursue the Legacy." The board submitted 8 names for potential speakers for 2024. Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz made a motion to hold on voting in order for the board to receive more information regarding the items requested for vote so that the board can make a more informed vote. Board member Ross seconded the motion. Then after much more discussion, the board voted for the top 3 speakers. With a vote of 6-4-1, the following speakers will be contacted: Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes, Rev. Marcus King, and Stacy Abrams. The board submitted 4 names for the Trail Blazer Award. After much discussion, the board voted, and it was determined that Clarence Glover will be the 2024 recipient.

DISCUSSION: 2023 MLK CULTURAL EVENTS CHAIR & CO-CHAIR SIGN-UP

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Mrs. Bacon. Mrs. Bacon presented the sign-up to the board of members that have already committed to chair the center events. At the time of the meeting there were only 5 events that did not have a chair or co-chair.

2023 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

The MLK Fresh Produce Distribution, managed by Miles of Freedom, served 1,974 families during the month of January at both locations. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Park South YMCA and there are new hours at the center. The new hours are Monday – Thursday, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. All board members and citizens are encouraged to volunteer and help plan the many cultural events; you can get that information online at [www.dallasmlkcenter.com](http://www.dallasmlkcenter.com).

Legal Aid of NW Texas has returned to the building, and they will see the first 30 people on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The upcoming events will be AIDS Walk South Dallas Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 8 a.m.-noon; Veteran’s Resource Fair Saturday, April 1, 2023, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Remembrance Ceremony Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.; Spring Egg-stravaganza, Thursday, April 6, 2023, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Volunteer Appreciation, Saturday, April 15, 2023. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

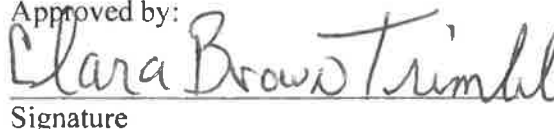
Drafted by:

  
Signature

LaRhonda Bacon  
Printed name

4/17/2023  
Date

Approved by:

 4-17-23  
Signature Date

Clara Brown-Trimble; Chair  
MLK Advisory Board

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