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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2022 | 6:30PM

Agenda #221173

Location: City Hall | 1500 Marilla Street | Dallas, TX 75201 **CR City Hall 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
Mrs. Ann Williams – District 4
Mr. Jesse Tafalla, Jr. – District 5
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
Mr. Cannon Brown – District 14
Ms. Betty Carter Hooey – District 15

ABSENT

N/A

VACANT

District 6
District 13

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Supervisor
Pamela R. Jones, Center Manager

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator
Jessica Galleshaw, Director

COMMUNITY PRESENT

Rhea Clinton Baker
Jeffrey Alexander
Nichelous Gardner
Stephen Hython
Denard Turner
Bobby Lee
Gregory Harrington
Christopher Dukes

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Board Member Ross prayed for everyone, the community, and the decorum of the meeting. Board Chair Brown-Trimble welcomed everyone.

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 Brown made a motion to approve the November 2022 minutes. Board Member Wicks seconded the motion. The Board approved.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Chair Brown-Trimble stated that the board's annual report will be due February 1, 2023. She turned it over to Board Vice Chair Wicks. Board Vice Chair Wicks reported that the committee has compiled the information for the report. Board Vice Chair Wicks explained the content required to be placed in the Annual Report, reminding everyone that the goal is to make sure that we continue to ensure that the center is providing quality services and cultural events to the community. Board Member Sacks reported the objectives section of the Annual Report. Summary of accomplishments section was reported by Board Member Drake who stated that the board has increased with only two (2) vacant seats. The board has received email address, business cards, and ID badges. The board is recommending several new items for continued services for the center but would like for the board meeting to return to the center. After much discussion, the sub-committee will prepare a final draft for the board to review and vote on the 2023 MLK Annual Report during the January 2023 meeting.

2023 MLK CELEBRATION WEEK UPDATES

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Mr. Clinton Baker with HELP. Mr. Baker reported that he has continued to meet with OCC and MLK staff. Currently, the HELP staff is going door-to-door, meeting and introducing businesses to HELP and notifying them that the parade is coming back in-person. Mr. Baker reported that starting Saturday, December 31, 2022, and Saturday, January 7, 2023. They will be walking the community with the official parade notification. There has been a lot of interest, but HELP is prepared for an increase in interest to be in the parade after the holiday. There will be a Parade Safety meeting at the MLK Recreation Center on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Board Member Sacks stated that the Wreath Laying Ceremony is still similar in format. The Mayor will be the keynote speaker, Madison Color Guard will post the colors, and Board Member Drake will complete the Litany.

At this time, the entertainment is still being confirmed, but it is the hope to have Saxophonist Jeff Aycock and Townview Big D Band. Dr. Slaughter reported that there will be two (2) billboards that will display information regarding the 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration events. The locations are not known at this time, but it will be on the Clearview Channel Billboards. Please let us know if you see them. Currently, we have 11 sponsors for the celebration events.

The Job Fair is a partnership with Texas Workforce and will take place at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The hope is to have 50 employers there to interview and hire. The Day of Prayer is a partnership with Faith Forward and will take place at the Latino Cultural Center. We thank you for your suggestions of faith leaders to be included on the program. The Equity Symposium is a partnership with Communities Foundation of Texas and will take place at Paul Quinn College. The MLK Fest is a partnership with The Walls Group and will take place at the MLK Jr. Community Center. They will be cleaning MLK Jr. Blvd. corridor and installing the new mural on the trellis near the stage.

Ms. Jones reported that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has not shared the updates at this time for the Candle Lighting Ceremony. We have confirmed the entertainment for 2023 MLK Scholarship & Awards Gala will be Booker T. Washington HS Choir, Jess Garland the Harpist, Maria Jones – soloist, and Turtle Creek Chorale. After much discussion of the MLK Celebration Week updates, the board was pleased on the progress, but requested that more marketing take place surrounding all of the events especially the Gala.

DISCUSSION & VOTE: 2023 GALA AWARDS

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Ms. Jones. Ms. Jones presented the nominees for each category and explained their contributions to the center. After much discussion, each board member was asked to make their vote and submit to Mrs. Bacon for tally.

2022 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

The MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 2,547 families during the month of November 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 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.

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 Thanksgiving Basket Drive Thru was Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 10 a.m. -12 noon, and we served 516 families. The Winter Warm-Up was Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 10 a.m. -12 noon; we served 915 children and 242 families. The upcoming Black History Month Celebration will be two part, the first will be a student art display at the center and a Taste of Soul Expo on Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Sacks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Ross seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Drafted by:

LaRhonda Bacon
Signature

LaRhonda Bacon
Printed name

Date

Approved by:

Clara Brown Trimble 2-6-23
Signature Date

Clara Brown-Trimble; Chair
MLK Advisory Board

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