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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A- ACTIVITY ROOM
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters
Mr. Nathan Rogers
Ms. Venester Haywood
Ms. Candace E. Wicks
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Mr. Stephen G. Foster
Rev. Donna Slater
Ms. Dianne Gibson
Mr. Michael Lugo
Mrs. Karissa N. Madison

ABSENT

Mr. Kevin Malonson
Ms. Elaine Sacks
Mr. John Paul Lewis

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II
Natashia Cooper, Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Ms. Gibson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was completed and the sign-in sheet will serve as notice of roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wicks made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. The board approved.

DRW PLANNING STUDIOS

Mr. Whitley presented to the board the proposal that his company won from the City of Dallas. Mr. Whitley presented the Nonprofit Focus Group meeting notes that have been combined and presented to the MLK Advisory Board. It was found that the gaps in the center and it's community are lack of resources, services, long-term follow through, that the community did not understand that some programs being requested are already present at the center. The notes also reflected the future of the center and the needs of awareness programs, the community garden, the growth of the Hispanic population, and gentrification. The surveys were also useful in how the centers need to develop partnerships whether they are community projects or cross collaborations with other groups that want to serve the community and city. The most beneficial information received from these discussions was from the community leaders that helped get the

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community center started here in Dallas. They talked about the long legacy of hope and change for the people here in South Dallas and how the community center was that extension to the city that helped to educate and be a safe place for all. There is still more developing of the Master Plan Project to occur and Ms. Haywood would be meeting with Mr. Whitley to continue the project.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Back to School

Mrs. Bacon reported that we are currently receiving in the donations from Reliant and Capital One. We are still in need of help for school uniforms. We still are accepting financial help through the GoFundMe page; those funds are being used for school uniforms. We have 24 vendors, 20 barbers and beauticians, and entertainment for the event. No pre-registration required but the children must be present.

B. Hispanic Heritage

Mr. Lugo reported that the speaker for this year will be Mr. Hector Flores. We are working on entertainment, food, and we are in need of sponsorships.

C. Day of Dignity

Mrs. Bacon reported that the Day of Dignity event will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10am-1pm. During the event we will be paying TXU bills and all items given will be given FREE to all that attend. This is an annual event that is done around the USA by the different Islamic Relief organizations.

D. Harambee Festival

Ms. Gibson had no report.

E. 35th Annual MLK Celebration

Mr. Rogers reported that we are unable at this time to market/publish the event until there is a decision made on the RFCSP which is the bid for the parade. Until the decision is made regarding the parade it is best to wait for that decision to be made before publishing a sponsorship package for the 35th Annual MLK Celebration. We want a solid answer surrounding the event to prevent confusion.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported at this time there are no further actions to report.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Foster is still working to have a commemorative event March 17, 2017.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bacon presented the reports for July and August

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

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BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters reported we need to make sure that when citizens have concerns, make sure those concerns are submitted before the meeting starts.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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