

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
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BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 - 6:30PM

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DALLAS, TEXAS

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  
Mr. John Paul Lewis  
Mrs. Karissa N. Madison  
Ms. Elaine Sacks  
Mr. Kevin Malonson

ABSENT

Mr. Michael Lugo  
Ms. Dianne Gibson

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

Pamela R. Jones, Center Manager  
LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Dr. Waters. Dr. Waters welcomed the new board member from District 14 Mr. Kevin Malonson.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Hispanic Heritage

Ms. Jones reported that the Influential Women of Dallas discussion panel was well received. We had a total of 115 people in attendance for the event. We sent the panelist questions in advance so that they were prepared for the people, and the audience was able to answer questions as well. It was a really good event and again it was well received from the community.

Approval of Minutes:

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**B. Day of Dignity**

Ms. Jones reported that the Day of Dignity event that took place on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10am-1pm was again a very big success. This is a great partnership with the Islamic community. The attendance for the event was over 3,500 people and we were able to service and pay TXU bills for 313 customers. It was truly a great event! Ms. Wicks was also in attendance and did a live social media broadcast for the event.

**C. Harambee Festival**

Ms. Jones reported that due to the lack of funds the event has been scaled down for 2016. It will take place on the grassy knoll area in the middle of the center. With the help of Councilwoman Young, community/steering committee members, and the center the event will take place. The center will make sure that the children are fed and that they receive treat bags for the event. We will continue to make sure that the event is a good event.

**D. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration**

Mr. Rogers reported that we are still working on the details surrounding the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend. Our speaker is Dr. Walter Kimbrough. We need to work on sponsorships for the event. Ms. Jones reported that we are still working on a media outlet to broadcast live the parade. The City of Dallas will officially announce in November 2016 that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is the official producers of the 2017 MLK Celebration Birthday Weekend.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Foster is still working to have a commemorative event on March 17, 2017. At this time a scholarship is being worked on as to how the funding will take place, and it is desired that the scholarship be an annual scholarship to the student. The committee is still working on the foundation of the commemorative event honoring Dr. Chambers.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported no new business at this time.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the report for September. The MLK Beautification Project has been approved for 3 years for a total of \$600,000.00 (\$200,000.00 a year) for the center. We are working on phase one at this time with the installation of new toilets, faucets, and tree pruning. We are working on the initiation of phase two to include a RFP for the designing of a new landscape for the MLK Campus. The Masterplan will be introduced during the Housing Briefing and we look forward to you board members to be present during the briefing.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Ms. Jones reported that a letter was received regarding the 2017 MLK Parade. Dr. Waters received and read the letter aloud to the board. It was decided that the City of Dallas will address the letter received regarding the parade. Mr. Allan Sims will meet with Next Generation Network surrounding the letter.

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BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters reminded everyone that we are coming upon the Early Voting Elections and encouraged the board to notify the citizens that the MLK Center is an early polling sight. He also encouraged the board and center to reach out to the Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center on Pennsylvania Avenue to brainstorm on some ideas in which we can partner. Dr. Water also encouraged everyone to continue outreach to the community to keep the center apart of the very fabric of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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