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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 - 6:30PM

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CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXAS

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Ms. Candace E. Wicks
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Ms. Venester J. Haywood
Ms. Althea Harrington
Rev. Donna Slater
Ms. LaSheryl L. Walker
Ms. Taylor Slovak

ABSENT

N/A

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Jessica Galleshaw, Office of Community Care Director
Honorable Kevin D. Felder, Dallas City Council District 7
Nadia Chandler-Hardy, Assistant City Manager
Honorable Tennell Atkins, Dallas City Council District 8

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Ms. Haywood, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Rev. Slater.

ATTENDANCE

The roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon, minutes will reflect that at 6:35pm Venester Haywood, Elaine Sacks, Candace Wicks, Johnnie Goins, LaSheryl Walker, Rev. Donna Slater, Taylor Slovak and Althea Harrington were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Sacks made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Wicks second the motion. The board approved.

MLK 2019 PLANNING UPDATE

A. Fundraising

- Ms. Walker passed the gavel for others to report the activity of the 2019 MLK Committee meeting. Rev. Slater asked the question of how the remaining funds would be allocated after all expenses of the 2019 MLK Celebration week were paid. Ms. Galleshaw reported that the remaining 36th Annual Celebration funds were first used to clear the negative

balance in the Trust fund for the center, and the remaining funds are being used for deposits for the 2019 MLK Celebration venue and speaker. Mrs. Hardy requested advice from the board regarding how funds are to be used from the 2019 funds. A motion was made by Ms. Wicks that 100% of remaining funds be used at the MLK, Jr. Community Center and Ms. Goins seconded the motion. A request for amendment to motion was moved to reflect that a recommendation for 100% of remaining funds be returned to the MLK, Jr. Community Center for use for its community events and programs. Amendment to the motion accepted. Vote of Yes by District 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 13; Vote of No is Zero; and Abstaining are District 5 and 9. The motion is carried and approved. Ms. Haywood requested from Ms. Galleshaw and Mrs. Hardy that all questions from the board be answered in writing and submitted to the full board. Councilman Felder stated that he has some concerns surrounding the fundraising and will meet later with Mrs. Hardy and Ms. Galleshaw. He reminded everyone present that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center sits within District 7 and that he is here to serve the center and the citizens for continued success of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

B. Sponsorship Package

- Ms. Haywood reported that the sponsorship package is available. Rev. Slater stated that the packet has not been presented to the full board, only to the committee. Ms. Haywood stated that the sponsorship packet needs to include verbiage that is still inclusive of the Center's community events. A motion was made by Ms. Wicks that all documents regarding the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration always have an image of Dr. King present and also on all publications. Rev. Slater seconded the motion. Vote of Yes by District 3, 5, 9, 7, 8, 1, 6, and 13. Vote of No is Zero. The motion was carried and approved.

C. Week of Activities - Logistics

- Ms. Galleshaw reported that we are receiving more information from community partners that are also planning events during the week of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. The Holocaust Museum, Texas Metro News, and Dallas Black Chamber will be having events and want to partner. We will continue to confirm events as we draw closer to the event. We hope to have all items confirmed soon for partner and city hosted events.

D. Hosting (JROTC)

- Ms. Haywood reported that historically the Madison JROTC has participated as ushers during the Awards Gala to seat everyone and assist our seniors. Ms. Haywood recommends that the JROTC students continue to participate in this capacity because they can receive community service hours. But, most importantly having the students in uniform present creates the atmosphere of elegance.

E. Update on Fiscal Agent

- Mrs. Hardy reported that under her direction that Communities Foundation of Texas will serve as the 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Fiscal Agent. This directive comes because the foundation is already approved as a fiscal agent and 501c3 of the City of Dallas. The decision was made due to no approved documents found with the City Attorney's Office for MLK Dallas Dream Forward. Ms. Galleshaw also reported that Communities Foundation of Texas is the Fiscal Agent for the 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, and only serves as fiscal agent with no decision on how the funds raised will be used and if they will receive 1% or less as an administrative fee.

COMMUNITY CENTER TASK FORCE

Ms. Galleshaw presented the report from September given to the Community Development Commission. The purpose of the briefing was to provide an overview of current and recent community center programming. And, to present framework for reprogramming the center and CDBG funding utilization. We are looking for help with enhancing both community centers.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bacon presented the September 2018 report.

MLK FREEDOM GARDEN

Mr. Miles reported that the MLK Freedom Garden has been in existence for 2 years and was funded by Mr. Reed Oppenheimer. The inaugural planting items in the garden were fruit trees and that started the collaboration of Miles of Freedom and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center garden partnership. That project has led to the seedling project that is facilitated by Tyrone Day who is a Miles of Freedom graduate. The seedling project provides seeds for Big Tex Farms, Bonton Farms, Austin Street and so forth.

WATER TRUCK (MILES OF FREEDOM)

Miles of Freedom was awarded the watering project for the Beautification Project for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. With the installation of new trees plants, and shrubs on the 10.5-acre property watering was needed and thus Miles of Freedom was loaned a water truck from East Kessler Park Association. The outcome of this project was extra training for members of Miles of Freedom training program, transitional employment that has increased the lawn service for Miles of Freedom giving a small net income for the 11 transitional members with 7 receiving permanent employment through this training. Ms. Megan O'Neal was a strong collaborator of Miles of Freedom, MLK Center, and East Kessler Park Association for the water truck. The center will be receiving additional plants and trees that were unable to be planted before the planting season ended. Therefore, asking the question that the MLK Advisory Board to request additional funding for the watering to continue for the upcoming planting season.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Can We Talk Youth

Ms. Haywood reported that the Youth Conference took place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:00am and it is a FREE event. The inaugural event was well received by the community. During the event the students heard from Mr. Richard Miles and Judge Amber Givens-Davis, they were able to ask real life questions regarding social, justice, bullying, life skills, self-imagining, and higher education. We look forward to continuing this program in 2019.

B. Harambee

Mrs. Bacon reported that this event took place on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:00am. The event was a success and well attended by the community. There were many elected officials, MLK Advisory Board members and vendors in attendance for this 44th year. The Harambee Steering Committee successfully raised funds that took care of all aspects of the event with the support of center staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Thanksgiving Feeding

Mrs. Bacon reported that the 2018 Thanksgiving Projects were a success. Part one was a complete dinner distribution to the MLK Seniors on Thursday, November 15, 2018 to 110 seniors. This will be the third year that we provide a complete meal (Hen, cornbread dressing, vegetables, rolls, cranberry sauce, and a dessert) to our seniors. The second event was Thanksgiving in the Neighborhood Saturday, November 17, 2018 11:00am-1:00pm which we served 500 citizens. During the event a hot meal with all the trimmings were served. Both events were sponsored and partnered with The Giving Tree Ministries, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Foreman Family Tax Service, and Morningside Community Development Association.

B. Winter Warm Up

Mrs. Bacon reported that this Inaugural event will assist families during the holiday season will provide new coats, hats, and gloves to children ages 0-17. We are still working on sponsors, and we are accepting NEW donations from the community by Friday, November 30, 2018. The registration is available online at www.dallasmlkcenter.com with a planned distribution date of Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

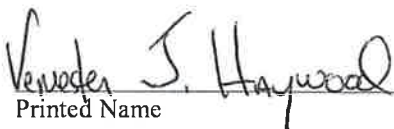
CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haywood adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Sacks second the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

Approval of Minutes:


Printed Name


Signature and Date