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BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 - 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 A. Harrington
- Ms. Dianne Gibson
- Rev. Donna Slater

ABSENT

- Mr. Nathan Rogers
- Mrs. Karissa N. Madison
- Mr. John Paul Lewis
- Mr. Derrick Nutall

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 6:42PM by Ms. Haywood who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Rev. Slater.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Haywood reminded the members that the 2017 Annual Report is the work that the board has completed for 2017, and is due to the City Manager's Office February 1, 2018. Corrections were made in regard to programs and recommendations sections.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Christmas Project

Ms. Jones reported that the sign up for the Christmas project was held on December 4, 2017 and for the approved families the pickup date will be December 20, 2017. This is a Social Services project and clients must be screened to participate. Now after application reviews, we will service 250 families for the 2017 Christmas Project. However, this is a lesser amount of families served from last year.

Approval of Minutes:

Venester Jackson Haywood  
Printed Name

Venester Jackson Haywood 2/20/2018  
Signature and Date

B. 2018 MLK Celebration

Ms. Jones reported that run of show, nominees' ballot sheet, and two budget reports are a part of the packets. The run of show has been approved to move forward by our chief to streamline the program to complete by 8:55pm. We also need for you to vote on the winners for 2018. In regard to our budget, we have a deficit from previous events and we need finances to cover 2018 making for a grand total needed of \$150,000. This total will take care of everything to place us at zero, nothing owed, all things paid. Ms. Gibson asked if any resolution had taken place to resolve the outstanding deficit of the previous years. Ms. Jones reported that the City Attorneys are looking into the previous funds owed to the city from the previous parade activities. Ms. Wicks made a motion to send a follow-up letter to the City Attorney office regarding the 2015 and 2016 MLK Parade Deficits. The motion was second by Ms. Goins. The board vote was 5 For and 1 Abstain by Ms. Gibson.

C. MLK Freedom Garden & Seedling Farm

Ms. Jones reported that we have received great reviews and partnerships regarding the garden. The garden will continue to be a teaching portal for young and mature alike, working hand in hand planting and harvesting from the garden.

D. Black History Month Program

Ms. Jones reported that we will have more information at the next board meeting.

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CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the November report.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Judge Birmingham spoke to the board regarding a Concert and Voter's Registration Drive to be added to the MLK Celebration Weekend activities. This is his proposal because of the large presence of citizens during the parade. Ms. Sacks made a motion to allow Judge Birmingham's Concert and Voters' Registration Drive to be added to the MLK Celebration Weekend Activities. After discussions, Ms. Goins then asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to exclude the concert and have the Voter's Registration Drive Ms. Sacks accepted the amendment. Rev. Slater seconded the motion. The board approved. Ms. Haywood asked Ms. Sacks to introduce her guest. Miss Tres Wright a student at Lincoln High School, who is interested in being a part of programs at the center and volunteering.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haywood adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson second the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

Approval of Minutes:

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