



City of Dallas

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021, 6:30P.M.

WebEx Meeting Address:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=e26af01eb66bfb7d8cbbeae470c0150ed>

Join by phone

1-408-418-9388

Access code:

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MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Mr. Asa Woodberry
Mrs. Michelle Espinal-Embler
Dr. Jerry Christian
Rev. Donna Slater
Mrs. Zandra Mendenhall

ABSENT

Ms. Candace Wicks
Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble
Mr. Trent Hughes

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II
Pamela R. Jones, Division Manager III

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator
Jessica Galleshaw, Director
Michael King, Senior Developer

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Chair Christian prayed for everyone, the community and the decorum of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Christian called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Sacks made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Woodberry seconded the motion. The board approved.

UPDATE /DISCUSSION – BY-LAWS

Chair Christian requested that Committee Chair Board Member Sacks meet with her team to evaluate and compare other COD boards' by-laws to draft by-laws for the MLK Advisory Board. There was discussion regarding some of the findings of resolutions for the MLK board and other city boards. After much discussion the item was tabled until the next meeting.

REPORT & DISCUSSION: 39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

Chair Christian stated that he enjoyed the celebration and turned it over to Dr. Slaughter for the report. Dr. Slaughter reported the following:

Virtual Scholarship & Awards Gala

- Friday, January 15 - Candle Lighting Ceremony, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha (Dr. King's fraternity), 81 Views.
- Monday, January 18 - Youth Summit, hosted by Dallas Youth Commission, 70 Students.
- Tuesday, January 19 - Wreath Laying Ceremony, hosted by the MLK Advisory Board, 34 Views.
- Wednesday, January 20 - Virtual Job Fair, hosted by Workforce Solutions, 630 Jobseekers, 70 employers.
- Friday, January 22 - Equity Indicators Symposium, hosted by the Office of Equity & Inclusion, 145 attended.
- Saturday, January 23 - Scholarship & Awards Gala, hosted by the Office of Community Care, 313 views. We distributed \$25K in scholarships to 6 Dallas High School Seniors (increase in award amount and number of students awarded; 5 students & \$20K in 2020).
- In total, the COVID-19 MLK Celebration Week of 2021 was able to help more than 1,200 DFW residents safely celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King.

After Dr. Slaughter's report, Board Member Sacks requested that the board be more involved, and the notifications be sent in advance for all the planning for 2022. Dr. Christian and Board Member Woodberry requested a budget breakdown for the last 4 years to include sponsorships, expenses, revenues and balances to be presented at the next board meeting.

2022 40TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Dr. Christian thanked Board Member Woodberry for his leadership during the 2021 MLK Celebration and requested that he continue by chairing the 2022 MLK Celebration. Board Member Woodberry accepted the assignment and will be making plans to have a committee meeting soon.

2021 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 2,218 families during the month of February. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30am at the Park South YMCA during the Covid-19 pandemic. For the month of February, we had one (1) event our Black History Month Celebration that took place February 12 & 19, 2021 which was virtual and featured main conversations, local entertainment artist, healthy food presentations and a tour of the Dallas Civil Rights Museum. The presentation was well received and viewed by more than 400 people. Our upcoming events for April are the Spring Extravaganza and Remembrance Ceremony; in May the Spring into Action, and June, our Juneteenth Celebration. Please let us know which events you would like to chair and be a part of. Board Member Embley requested a calendar of the MLK Center events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Rev. Slater made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Signature

Printed name

Date

MLK Mission Statement Committee Notes

Committee Chair: Pastor Donna Slater

Committee Members: Asa Woodberry

Michelle Espinal

Lasheryl Walker

Elaine Sacks

King's Mission Key Points:

Equality

Justice

Peace

Thoughts -

Advocate on behalf of the community so that their voice may not be lost

Educate and informed

Respect

Inclusion for all

Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center

Empower

Catalyst

Change Agent

Supporting

Voice of the community

Champion for

City of Dallas online Mission Statement

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/dallasboards/default.cfm?action=viewclassspec&classSpecID=760707&agency=1925&viewOnly=yes>

To promote and provide direct health and human services and programming which will assist individuals and families in becoming economically self-sufficient.

MLKCC Mission Center

The King Center envisions a world where global brotherhood and sisterhood are not a dream but the state of humankind

<https://dallascityhall.com/government/meetings/Pages/mlk-community-center-board.aspx>

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

Our mission is to deliver the highest quality human, health, education, and other comprehensive services which enhance the quality of life of its users and provide a focal point for the community and its activities.

Our Board Vision ...

Building a strong, robust, and inclusive community where all people are accepted and empowered to reach the highest quality of life.

Our Board Mission (#1)

The mission of this core group of committed individuals is to be the catalyst and consistent advocate for the community and to empower the people through education with necessary tools to improve the economic and social well-being causing a transformation of lives for the better.

Or

Our Board Mission (#2)

The mission of this board is to advise and advocate for the needs of the community center by ensuring that the education and necessary tools are available to improve the economic and social well-being of the community by providing world class services to all that need them. It is our mission to be a board that is a catalyst for positive change through educating, informing, and transforming the lives of each person that comes to the center.