

Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, February 5, 2018

Convened: 11:05 A.M. Adjourned: 12:34 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway
Council Member Omar Narvaez
Council Member Mark Clayton
Council Member B. Adam McGough

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Council Member Philip Kingston
Council Member Kevin Felder

Staff Present:

Nadia Chandler Hardy
Zena Palmer
Barbara Martinez
Charletra Sharp
Jessica Galleshaw

Heather Silver
Valencia Hooper
LaRhonda Bacon
Daniel Genz
Cobbie Ransom

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2018 Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes.

Motion made by: MPT Caraway

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Narvaez

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend

Presenter(s): Pamela Jones, Office of Community Care, Division Manager

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

CM Felder recommends staff engage the community more in terms of voter registration and utilize the County for next year's event. He strongly suggests the City helps fund the parade, so this may show a more inclusive and diverse city. He has already identified sponsors for the 2019 MLK event to make the weekend more robust. Both MPT Caraway and CM Felder advise staff to have more portable toilets available and better placement at the beginning of the parade for the participants.

MPT Caraway suggests staff not to use city funds because there is an ample amount of time to accumulate corporation sponsorships. He also mentions using funds for one parade opens the door for opportunity for other parades to request monetary resources. In next year's MLK event, MPT Caraway would like *The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL)* to be an included event on Sunday. He encourages all the councilmembers that do not have appointments on the MLK Board to make those appointments as quickly as possible.

When selecting a board member, Chair Thomas wants the councilmembers to select someone who is mindful of the mission, purpose, roles and responsibilities. He would like to recommend the celebration be a week-long event. A job fair and collaborative teaching with Friendship West are suggestions by the Chair that could be included during the week. CM Kingston would like the 4 big values associated with the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Civil Rights, Voting Rights, Anti-War Activities, Labor Organization) to be reflected in the celebration events.

CM Felder would like staff to start reaching out for corporate sponsorships in June. He proposes moving the essay contest from Gardere Law Firm to the MLK Center or the city creates its own. He adamantly expressed how the Mayor should be more involved. MPT Caraway suggests starting now on corporate sponsorship and have the board to set a goal of \$500,000.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Senior Affairs Commission Workplan

Presenter(s): Sharyn Fein, Senior Affairs Commission, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

MPT Caraway suggests an easy to click access button for the seniors to go directly where they need to go. CM Narvaez recommends staff figure out different locations and times for the listening sessions to be held. He would like for the seniors to be more interactive by making the sessions more listening based and less talking. He suggests the councilmembers to establish a relationship with their Senior Affairs Commissioner. He would like to see more intersectional activities at city-wide events in regard to age and physical abilities. CM Narvaez also would like a senior affairs liaison in every department.

DMPT Medrano wants a listening session specific to LGBT. He also would like the questionnaire to be provided in Spanish. CM Thomas challenges the commission and city staff to find effective ways to get the communication out to seniors. He suggests maybe putting information in the water bill or using robocalls.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

4. Attachments

Presenter(s): Charletra Sharp, Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

5. Committee Forecast

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Casey Thomas, II, Chair
Human and Social Needs Committee

Zenae Palmer, Coordinator
Human and Social Needs Committee

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