



**City of Dallas**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021, 6:30P.M.

WebEx Meeting Address:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5f9f8818bc9f441efe6eb0f77b2ffc15>

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 146 820 1566

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks  
Mr. Asa Woodberry  
Mr. Trent Hughes  
Mr. Kelly Drake  
Rev. Donna Slater  
Mrs. Zandra Mendenhall

ABSENT

Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker  
Mrs. Michelle Espinal-Embler  
Dr. Jerry Christian  
Dr. Jose Dela Cruz  
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II  
Pamela R. Jones, Division Manager III  
Natashia Cooper, Outreach Specialist

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator  
Jessica Galleshaw, Director  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

LaRhonda Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Board Member Woodberry prayed for everyone, the community, and the decorum of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

### ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Mrs. Bacon called for a motion for June 21, 2021 Chair. Board Member Slater made a motion for Board Member Hughes to chair the meeting. It was seconded by Board Member Sacks. The board approved. Board Member Hughes called for a motion for June 21, 2021 Vice Chair to be Board Member Slater and it was seconded by Board Member Drake. The board approved.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Chair Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Drake made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Sacks seconded the motion. The board approved.

### 2022 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Acting Chair Hughes turned it over to the sub-committee chair Board Member Woodberry. Board Member Woodberry reported that they several items that they want to vote on tonight. First report to be given will be the venue space by Ms. Jones, Center Manager. Ms. Jones reported that there had been a request for both dates sent to six (6) hotels that could hold the requested capacity of 700. At this time, the only bid received back was from the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel for Saturday, January 15, 2021, in their Landmark Ballroom. Board Member Hughes called for a vote for the Hyatt and the board approved. Second, the theme options:

- 1.) 40 Years Strong, A look to the future
- 2.) 40 Years Strong, Building a stronger future
- 3.) 40 Years Strong, Not walking alone

The results of the theme vote are “40 Years Strong, A look to the future”.

The speaker options:

- 1.) Dr. Bernice King
- 2.) Maxine Waters
- 3.) Tamron Hall
- 4.) Joy-Ann Reid
- 5.) Colin Allred
- 6.) Stacey Abrams

The voting results of the speakers to invite will be as follows:

- 1.) Maxine Waters
- 2.) Colin Allred
- 3.) Tamron Hall
- 4.) Dr. Bernice King

Board Member Woodberry reported that the sub-committee would like for the logo to include Dr. & Mrs. King for 2022. After discussion, the motion was called, and the board approved. Dr. Slaughter reported a quick update regarding the parade. The proposal has been released for groups to submit for the 2022 MLK Day Parade. Some of the requirements will stay the same application fee remaining at \$125, no spectator fee, and keep a lot of the same city requirements. The winning bidder are required to keep the community and the board updated with the undertaking and planning of the parade.

### 2021 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 1,200 families during the month of May. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30am at the Park South YMCA during the Covid-19 pandemic. During Spring into Action, partnering with LIRA Group, we served 153 of our homeless population with needed items. For the

month of June, Comfort for College, partnering with LIRA Group, was a great event that served 25 students giving them everything needed for the first year of college. The Juneteenth Drive Thru Celebration was great and inspiring again as a drive thru and we served 750 families with food, cleaning supplies, and information. There will be no events during the month of July and one (1) event in August, our Annual Back to School Drive Thru Festival. Please let us know which events you would like to chair and be a part of.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Sacks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Drake seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Signature

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Printed name

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Date