



City of Dallas

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
City Hall | 1500 Marilla Street | Dallas, TX 75201
Meeting Location: City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:30p.m.

The WebEx Meeting Online Address is:

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MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Ms. Candace E. Wicks
Mr. Trent Hughes
Mr. Kelly Drake
Rev. Donna Slater
Mrs. Zandra Mendenhall
Mr. Cannon Brown
Dr. Jose Dela Cruz
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble
Mr. Venton Hill-Jones

ABSENT

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Brown-Trimble called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Chair Brown-Trimble prayed for everyone, the community, and the decorum of the meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE & ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Brown-Trimble called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Rev. Slater made a request to correct the typo in paragraph 3 on page 2 of the theme. Then Board Member Sacks made mention that it was corrected in the next sentence. Board Member Sacks made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Wicks seconded the motion. The board approved.

DISCUSSION & VOTE: 2022 MLK CELEBRATION LOGO

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Dr. Slaughter regarding the 2022 MLK Celebration Week. There was discussion during the sub-committee in which Board Member Rev. Slater stated that the sub-committee made recommendations. The updated logo was not received until slightly before the meeting. The recommendation of the gold background and more pronounced 40 years in white. Board Member Wicks made a motion to approve the logo MLK Design 5 that included the sub-committee updated recommendations. Board Member Cannon seconded the motion and the board approved. Dr. Slaughter stated that the board will need to discuss the possibility to cancel, reschedule or adjust events for the week as well as the keynote speaker Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. After much discussion, regarding the in-person and hybrid celebration impact and capacity. Board Member Sacks made a motion for the 2022 MLK Celebration Event take place as a Virtual Event. Board Member Rev. Slater seconded the motion. The board approved.

Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz called for discussion regarding the keynote speaker and the effect of the move of the speaker to virtual. Dr. Slaughter stated that the contract for the keynote speaker had the clause built in for in-person or virtual event. Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz made a motion for the 2022 MLK Gala Keynote Speaker to be Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. Board Member Sacks second the motion. After more discussion, Board Member Wicks requested a roll call vote of keeping Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. as the keynote speaker for 2022. The vote was 8 For (Sacks, Mendenhall, Hill-Jones, Drake, Dela Cruz, Hughes, Brown and Brown-Trimble) and 2 Against (Wicks and Slater). The motion was carried, and the board approved. Chair Brown-Trimble appointed Board Member Sacks as the new 2022 MLK Celebration Sub-committee chair.

PARADE DISCUSSION & VOTE

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Ms. Jones. Ms. Jones presented that the City of Dallas submitted an RFP proposal for a community organization to produce the parade. Currently, contracts are in negotiation with that community organization. Meanwhile MLK Staff would like to offer a plan B for a Virtual MLK Day Parade. This virtual parade would include the board's chosen theme, past parade images, board members and city officials, as well as the Trailblazer Award Recipient. This will also give the City of Dallas the opportunity to introduce the community organization for the 2023 year. Board Member Slater made a motion to accept the Virtual MLK Day Parade. Board Member Hughes second the motion and the board approved. Board Member Rev. Slater asked the question to Dr. Slaughter regarding the selection of the MLK Day Parade Grand Marshal. After much discussion, the list of Grand Marshal names will be submitted for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: 2021 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MLK ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Brown-Trimble appointed Board Member Wicks to serve as the committee chair for the Annual Report. Board Member Wicks did accept the position. Also included on this sub-committee will be Rev. Slater and Mr. Drake. Chair Brown-Trimble requested that the draft be ready for review by December 1, 2021.

2021 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 1,075 families during the month of August. And, during the month of September we served 1,050 families. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30am at the Park South YMCA during the Covid-19 pandemic. All board members are encouraged to volunteer and help plan the many cultural events. For the month of October, Day of Dignity will take place Saturday, October 23, 2021 at

10:00am. The Annual Treat the Building will take place Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 11:00am with our ChildCare Group students. The annual Harambee Festival takes place Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 10:00am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Trimble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Dela Cruz seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Clara Brown Trimble Clara Brown Trimble 11-15-2021
Signature Printed name Date