



City of Dallas

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

City Hall | 1500 Marilla Street | Dallas, TX 75201

Meeting Location: CR City Hall 6ES

Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:30P.M.

The MLK Advisory Board meeting will be held in-person at City Hall and online via WebEx. The public is encouraged to attend the Advisory Board meeting, and if you wish to speak or attend, please contact the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center @ 214-670-8419 by 5:00 p.m. of the Friday preceding the meeting.

The WebEx Meeting Online Address is:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee892040570a72b80432fdf1b29fc20e6>

If you are unable to join online, please join by phone: 1-408-418-9388; Access code: 2485 001 0941

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mrs. Ann Williams
Mr. Venton Hill-Jones

VACANT POSITIONS

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13
15

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 6:43pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

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

ADVISORY BOARD 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 Sacks made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Hughes seconded the motion. The Board approved.

2022 MLK CELEBRATION WEEK EVENTS UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Board Member Sacks. Board Member Sacks reported that the Wreath Ceremony is in the final stages and she is requesting that each board member donate a wreath for the ceremony. Please make sure that those wreaths are delivered to the center and marked for the ceremony by 1/10/2022. This year's ceremony will take place at the mural stage area. This area will allow for the spacing needed for COVID safety measures.

Dr. Slaughter reported that the Job Fair is a partnership with Texas Worksource. They have already set their virtual platform and invites are going out soon. Currently, there is not a liaison for the Job Fair. Board Member Drake volunteered to be the liaison. The Youth Summit is a partnership with the Youth Commission. They have changed their date from Thursday to Sunday 1/16/2022. Dr. Slaughter also reported that the Youth Summit will be an in-person event at Kiest Park. Chair Brown-Trimble volunteered to be the liaison for the Youth Summit.

Board Member Hughes reported that the Equity Symposium has pivoted to a virtual event. The outline is changing to a two-person platform presentation. All pieces are falling into place for a very exciting event. Board Member Hughes is working closely with Kevin Acosta who is the point person on the event.

Ms. Jones reported that the Candle Lighting Ceremony will be a virtual event. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Tyrone Pettiford II. The Alphas are working on completing the video presentation by 12/31/2021.

Dr. Slaughter reported on the entertainment for the gala. We have completed contract for Booker T. Washington Gospel Choir and Dallas Black Dance Theatre; both will complete 2 selections during the gala. The scholarship deadline was 12/17/2021, we received more applications this year but only 56 completed applications per the requirements. We are awarding 8 scholarships for a total of \$26,000. Chair Brown-Trimble identified Board members Dr. Dela Cruz, Mendenhall, and Jones-Hill as evaluators.

Pastor Slater reported that the Day of Prayer is moving along but waiting on a couple of confirmations. We requested volunteers from the Board members to complete a couple of items on the run of show. This presentation will be completely virtual.

Ms. Jones reported that the Virtual Parade will take place on Monday 1/17/2022. We will be completing pre-production interviews on Saturday 1/8/2022. We have compiled and submitted to our Communications department past pictures and videos of the parade.

Dr. Slaughter reported that the MLK Fest is set for Monday 1/17/2022. The event was well attended last year, and they look for it to be another great event to clean up and around the center. They are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning of the center and the community. Concluding at the center with food and fun.

DISCUSSION & VOTE: 2022 GALA AWARDS

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Ms. Jones for the gala votes. We started the roll call for vote on the category Community Service Award with a vote of 7-1 the winner is Miles of Freedom. Category: Corporate Excellence Award with a vote 8-0 the winner is Foremost Family Health Centers. Category: NonProfit Excellence Award with a vote 4-2-1-1 the winner is Hope Encourage Love Protect (H.E.L.P.). Category:

Humanitarian Award with a vote of 8-0 the winner is LIRA Group. Category: Volunteer of the Year with a vote of 8-0 the winner is Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

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

Chair Brown-Trimble turned it over to Board Vice Chair Wicks stated that the report would be inclusive of the events, programs, and center manager reports. The other sub-committee members are Rev. Slater and Mr. Drake. The sub-committee presented the draft report that was approved by the chair to the entire board for review. The main objective of the boards work has not changed as well as the programs and events of the center. We will receive the indicators for our report from the center manager. We will receive the chair's cover letter for this annual report. Vice Chair moved for a motion to approve the draft report. Chair Brown-Trimble called for discussion. Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz asked if we needed to add a dollar amount to the recommended increase in funding or leave it open. Vice Chair Wicks stated that it was left open because as a board we do not see that budget and that the budget has been approved already by city council. Board Member Slater suggested a percentage amount instead of dollar amount. After discussion, the Board approved the verbiage to ask for a percentage dollar increase in funding. Board Member Sacks seconded the motion. The Board approved.

2021 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

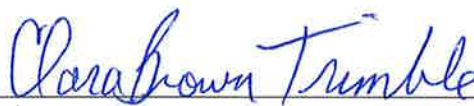
MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 1,300 families during the month of November. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Park South YMCA during the COVID-19 pandemic and returned to the center on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The operating hours will be every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. All board members are encouraged to volunteer and help plan the many cultural events. For the month of December, we had our Winter Warm-Up event on Saturday, December 18, 2021, serving over 800 children and their family.

PUBLIC COMMENT

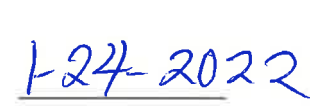
None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Signature


Printed name


Date