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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CARE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A - ACTIVITY ROOM A  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

- Ms. Elaine Sacks
- Ms. Candace E. Wicks
- Ms. Johnnie Goins
- Ms. Venester J. Haywood
- Ms. Althea Harrington
- Rev. Donna Slater

ABSENT

- Mr. Josh Cogan
- Ms. LaSheryl L. Walker

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:51PM by Ms. Haywood, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Ms. Wicks.

ATTENDANCE

The roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon, minutes will reflect that at 6:51pm Venester Haywood, Elaine Sacks, Candace Wicks, Rev. Donna Slater, Johnnie Goins, and Althea Harrington were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wicks made the motion to approve the minutes and Rev. Slater second the motion. The board approved.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Galleshaw presented the adopted City of Dallas Budget for 2019 regarding the Office of Community Care's MLK Jr. Community Center. The largest investment for the center is staff salaries and benefits. One (1) enhancement being an increase in budget for staff professional development. The center has been approved for additional security for the campus, along with a small increase for other operating the center's printing and outreach. Ms. Wicks requested at a later meeting that Ms. Galleshaw present the Community Center Task Force presentation that was presented during the Human Services Committee Meeting be presented to the MLK Advisory Board.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

## A. Day of Dignity

Ms. Jones reported that the Day of Dignity event was a success despite the rain. The attendance was 2,300 people. The Islamic community truly supports this event and supplies everything from household needs, clothing, food, and health services.

## B. Can We Talk Youth

Ms. Jones reported that this event will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10am the date was changed due to the kick-off of the State Fair. This event will be a Youth Conference with the speakers being Richard Miles and Judge Amber Givens. We are looking for youth in grades 9-12. The City of Dallas Youth Commission has confirmed participation in the event as well with a discussion panel of the days event. We are looking for a great group of students and very excited with the participants that are going to make the event a success.

C. 37<sup>th</sup> MLK Celebration

Ms. Jones reported that the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration will begin on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at City Hall. We are still working on the run of show and will present it to the board upon completion. Rev. Slater also reported information from the MLK Committee Meetings regarding the votes. The speaker for 2019 will be Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. The location for the Gala will be Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel and the price of the Gala tickets will be \$120.00. The price of the tickets will include a copy of his book. The 2019 theme will be "Reconciliation: Moving the Dream Forward".

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the August 2018 report.

EVENT REPORT

Ms. Jones reported that the Back to School Festival was a success and we were able to serve 2,085 students.

CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Haywood requested that all board members join her in working on the fundraising sub-committee for the 2019 MLK Celebration. This group will be responsible for raising the funds to underwrite the 2019 MLK Celebration and possibly other special events for the center. Regarding the Young Professionals we are still looking to start this committee to help with continued marketing and fundraising for the center.

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PROPOSED MEETING LOCATION

Ms. Haywood reported that the decision to continue meetings at the center or at City Hall. Ms. Haywood also presented what was sent to her from the City Attorney's office regarding meetings which is Sec. 8-2 Regular meetings. After much discussion a motion was given by Ms. Wicks that the MLK Advisory Board meetings remain at MLK Jr. Community Center. Ms. Goins second the motion. The board approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haywood adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Sacks second the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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