



Name: Aurora African American Heritage Advisory Board
Date: January 12, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Aurora City Hall – 44 E. Downer Place Aurora, IL
Mayor's Office - 3rd Floor

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair Whitfield.
- II. Roll Call Present: Glenda Blakemore, Marc Dale, Deborah Goss-Johnson, Sandra Harrison, Pairlee Hunter, Vice Chair Sharonda Roberson, Chair William Whitfield, & Keith Wise. City Liaison Muhammad was also present.
Absent: Cynthia Latimer, Marquell Oliver, Dr. Yolanda Stovall 8 present 3 absent
- Public Comments - Rush Copley Medical Center - Mariana Martinez, CHES 630-375-2833
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- III. Approval of Minutes – December 08, 2022 - Moved by Blakemore, seconded by Hunter to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Pillar Objectives to obtain the overarching AAAHAB goal of Advocacy (Pillars: Awareness / Communication / Fundraising)

Meeting order adjusted as Chair needed to leave early.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Mr. & Miss Black Aurora Pageant - February 04, 2023 - Copley Theatre - Vice Chair Roberson - Oral Update provided by lead of this event, Vice Chair Roberson who shared progress and details on the event. Time changed to 6pm to avoid conflict with QCAACC Jazz Brunch. Request for \$1700 additional funds to cover wardrobe for contestants and other needs. Discussion. Roll Call: Motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions.

6:29 pm Chair turned meeting over to Vice-Chair Roberson to conduct meeting in his absence.

- V. City Liaison Update: Standing item Financial Report & Additional Topics - Oral report from Liaison Muhammad: Cultural Boards come together quarterly, 38th King Celebration with Starr Jones as Keynote Speaker and our own Sandra Harrison honored with Donna J. Williams Service Award, Chair Whitfield will open the event. Lifetime Achievement Award-Servant Rayford. 6 African-American Judges recognized. Reported New Budget.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. AAAHAB Heritage Dinner Committee – February 24, 2023 - Updates
- i. Awardees - African American Leader of the Year & NIA - Liaison Muhammad provided an update

- ii. Sponsorships / Tickets Update - Liaison Muhammad - Provided an update
- iii. AAAHAB Scholarship Sub-Committee - Sub-Committee Chair Blakemore provided an update. Applications coming in 8-10 to date.
- iv. Dinner Details - Committee
 - There will be 5 student ushers. Commission Harrison additionally reports that Commissioners Harrison & Wise will conduct Usher training.
 - Board Members should wear black the night of the event. Kente stoles will be provided and will be turned in after the event for storage for the next event.
 - DJ confirmed and contract signed.

VII. New Business

A. Street Sign Dedication - Recommendation made.

VIII. For the Good of the Board - Board Calendar - Board members submitted comments and information on items for the good of the Board.

IX. Next Meeting – February 09 - 5:30 pm – City Hall

X. Adjournment - Without objection, meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Items for Future Meetings

- Parliamentarian Robert's Rules Training
- Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (Scholarships)

Minutes Recorded by: Commissioner Harrison and Commissioner Goss-Johnson