



Name: Aurora African American Heritage Advisory Board
Date: September 14, 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 5:35 by Vice Chair Latimer
- II. Roll Call: Deboarah Goss-Johnson, Sandra Harrison, Pairlee Hunter, Marquell Oliver, Cynitha Latimer, Dr. Yolonda Stovall, Keith Wise, Curtis Wilson,

Excused Absence: Glenda Blakemore, Marc Dale, William Whitfield
- III. Public Comments- None
- IV. Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2023 – Moved by Commissioner Harrison, Second Commissioner Oliver. Given no Corrections, they were approved by unanimous consent

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

- V. City Liaison Update: Standing item Financial Report & Additional Topics – Liaison Muhammad presented financial update- Balance \$15,575.78
 - \$3,000. Allocated for 100 Black Men College Fair expenses
 - Scholarship has officially been moved over to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. Expect an official signing of the agreement at an upcoming meeting
 - Ward 7 new Alderman Announce as Brandon Tolliver, Searing in on Tuesday, 19th September. Liaison Muhammad asked board to attend
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. By-Laws- No report
 - B. Rush Copley Patient Board- Report by Commissioner Wilson
 - Updates given on the last two meetings
 - 8/29/23: Stroke Education, Rush Copley FY 24
 - 5-30-23 Meeting minutes were offered as well
 - C. 2023 100 Black Men College Fair- updates were given from committee members and vice chair Latimer
 - 47 passenger bus secured
 - Updates on schedule, tasks, chaperones, and lead persons given in printed reports.

- Commissioner Oliver discussed considering getting a videographer to cover the students at the college fair. The idea was tabled for consideration for future college fair events.
- D. Mr. and Miss. Black Aurora Pageant- No Report, November Updates needed to start promotion
- E. Black Fine Arts Month- Pigment International-
- Commissioner Harrison provided an overview of the confirmed Black Fine Month events dates.
 - Leader Talk, Sunday, October 1st
 - Good Morning Aurora
 - First Friday; Black Business crawl
 - Salon Talk at the Nolan gallery
 - Proclamation of Black Fine Arts Month
 - Leader

VII. New Business

A. NOBLE Scholarship Fund

- Discussion on whether we will support funding this scholarship opportunity
- No objection to offering funding by general consensus
- Motion moved for \$500 funding amount by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded – Commissioner Harrison
- Unanimous vote, Motion approved

B. Heritage Dinner Venue

- Securing a location for the Heritage dinner was discussed and the idea of finding a location outside the city limits was discussed.
- Fox Valley Mall Option was considered as well
- Commissioner Oliver motioned the move to explore venue options outside of the city limits due to size limitations with the current city venue.
- Motion Seconded by Commissioner Stovall,
- Motion passed moved by unanimous vote.

VIII. Board Calendar- All calendar dates were reviewed and updated for the upcoming year and given to board members in printed documents

IX. For the Good of the Board

- Delta Sigma Theta Book Fair
- Commissioner Wilson was elected chairman of the Civilian Review Board

- Tuesday, October 10th, the City of Aurora will Honor Illinois Volunteer of Year Commissioner Wilson during the City Council meeting

X. Next Meeting – October 12 - 5:30 pm

XI. Adjournment – 6:59 PM