



Name: Aurora African American Heritage Advisory Board
Date: October 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-5:39 PM
- II. Roll Call: Marc Dale, Deborah Gross-Johnson, Sandra Harrison, Pairlee Hunter, Cynthia Latimer, William Whitfield, Keith Wise Curtis Wilson

Excused Absence: Glenda Blakemore, Marquel Oliver, Dr. Yolanda Stovall,
- III. Public Comments- Adam Pauley Chair of theLGBTQ+ Advisory Board
- IV. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2023- Motion to approve minutes Commissioner Curtis Wilson, 2nd by Commissioner Gross-Johnson,

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

- V. City Liaison Update: Standing item Financial Report & Additional Topics
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley-Scholarship- No Report
 - B. By-Laws
 - A Committee was created to review by-laws by the end of the year.
 - Commissioners Wilson, Gross-Johnson, Hunter, and Wise asked to participate
 - The Committee will meet on Monday, October 16th
 - C. Rush Copley Patient Board- Report by Commissioner Wilson
 - Updates were made to community engagement on patient perspectives
 - New focus on creating equity in reading rates from birth
 - D. 2023 100 Black Men College Fair- Vice Chair Latimer gave final updates
 - Discuss and review committee report notes
 - All Board members who will be in attendance
 - E. Mr. and Miss. Black Aurora Pageant
 - Discussed the creation of a job description for the Pageant coordinator
 - Discuss the need to have a longer timeline on the contract for 4-6 months
 - Commissioner Harrison spoke for the committee and will work on developing an RFP to send to the Exec board by Monday.
 - F. Black Fine Arts Month- Pigment International- Commissioner Harrison updates

- Brief review of Downtown Art Crawl
 - Dates for other events for the month are listed as well
- G. Heritage Dinner Venue
- The Matrix has been put on hold for us
 - The date will be February 23rd

VII. New Business

A. Heritage Dinner- Chair & Committee

- Committee for the Dinner and the scholarships were created
- Dinner Chair: Vice Chair Latimer and Scholarship Chair: Commissioner Stovall

VIII. Board Calendar

IX. For the Good of the Board

X. Next Meeting – November 9th - 5:30 pm

XI. Adjournment – 6:41 PM