



AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN DISPARITY

ACAAD Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

of Attendees: 15

Recorded by: Liz Lennon; Commissions Administrator

1. Committee Chair: Crystal Black Committee Vice-chair: Gene Blackmon

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

2. Moment of silence

Chair Black requested a special moment of silence for a teacher who passed away in the name of Mr. Roussie and others the community has lost.

3. Welcome

Chair Black welcomed all visitors and read an article she mentioned would be great to share regarding housing that can be the Segway for the meeting topic.

4. Presentation; Fair Housing Month topic: “ Housing Inequities towards Black and Brown Residents” guest speaker: *CheKesha Dockery, Parks and Recreation*

Commission Chair

5. Items for Vote: Previous month’s meeting (January)

The committee did not meet quorum and Liz Lennon requested that the chair Black motion until the next meeting.

6. Focus Area and Staff Report

Liz Lennon requested if the reports can be tabled until the latter part of the meeting so that the previous and new business may be discussed.

7. New Business/Announcement/Upcoming Events

Liz Lennon inquired from committee members about the status of the sponsorship letter and its success. Chair Black mentioned that she was unaware of what the sponsorship was to cover and was not able to reach out to anyone.

Dr. Love Jones, the department’s director then shared the initial cost of the event and what the sponsorship would cover.



Members shared that they were not comfortable with soliciting for sponsorship due to the amount requested and short timeframe leading up to the event.

Dr. Love then proceeded to share multiple options including scaling back on the number of participants and hosting the event on multiple dates throughout the year 2024-2025.

The committee agreed that the options given were solid and Chair Black requested time to share with Council Hightower so that she may be informed on all matters discussed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Crystal Black due to lack of quorum. 8:06 pm

Meeting Attendance

Attendees: *Crystal Black, Sherea Burnett*

Visitors: *Byron Gladden, Sue Polinsky, Candida Yoshikia, Fanta Dorley, Shon Smith, Dj Simmons, Fanta Dorley, Kesha Dockery, Myra Vazquez, Savanna Aust, Thessa Pickett, Crystal Davis*

Council Liaison:

Staff: *Liz Lennon, Love Jones, Jose Paula*

Absent: *Gene Blackmon, Cedric Parker, Sonya Ricks, Jasmine Getrouw-Moore, Zelma Higgs*

Approved: _____

Chairperson

Date

Ad hoc Committee on African American Disparity

 CACAAD