

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2014**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. Hollywood City Hall Room 219.

| Member | EXCUSED ABSENCE | UNEXCUSED ABSENCES |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jonathan Anderson | | X |
| Tracie Bonnicks | | |
| James Marshall | X | |
| Sheila Desir | X | |
| David Nichols | | X |
| Taj Dixon | | |
| Carolina Forbes | | |
| Shannon Bennett | | |
| Troy Wright | | X |
| Yvonne Jackson | | |
| Henry Graham | | |
| Mary Mites Campbell | | X |
| Heather Mahoney | | |
| Emmanuel Okwor | | |
| Mathis Young | | X |

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

| STAFF PERSON | DEPARTMENT |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alan Falik | City Attorney |
| Anthony Grisby | Community and Economic Development |

GUESTS:

| NAME | ORGANIZATION |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Deangelo Foy | Hope SF Beneficiary |

Minutes:

There are two corrections to the minutes.

1. Tracie Bonnicks was not absent
2. The spelling of Mr. Okwor's name

Minutes approved with corrections

Motion – Taj Dixon
Second – Yvonne Jackson

Not on Agenda – Shannon Bennett (Council Chair) invited Mr. Deangelo Foy a beneficiary of Hope South Florida as example of the use of information provided to the council and how each council member can make a significant change in the lives of the citizens by sharing the information provided as each member matriculates through his/her daily business.

Mr. Foy graciously shared with the council his near homeless experience that threatened the custody of his child and how Hope South Florida through the calls and requests of Ms. Bennett was able to secure subsidized housing that is now leading to a homeownership opportunity within the City of Hollywood. This opportunity not only provides housing but a stabilized environment for the child which is an identified node of benefit in education and continued socio-economic generational success.

The Staff Liaison was instructed to provide to council members a map of the City of Hollywood that shows neighborhood boundaries with clear street names.

I. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sunshine Law – Alan Falik, Deputy City Attorney

Mr. Falik discussed the history and intent of the Florida Sunshine Law covering especially conversations between council members when the council is not meeting and any exceptions allowed by the law. The council was offered a question and answer period; each question was easily answered by Mr. Falik and easily understood by the council members. There were no points of controversy brought up by the council.

No council action necessary

b. Pending Activities (Cultural Awareness Workshops and Fair Housing Workshops)

The Staff Liaison discussed a meeting held with Dr. Bowen and other Barry University staff covering the areas of Community Service Initiatives, Africana Studies, and the Sociology and Criminology Department. The major points of the meeting was

- A timetable is being developed for the African-American History workshop series. Tentatively, Barry is hoping to start the workshop series in early November.

- The series shall cover the literary contributions of colonial period African Americans and the importance of education on community growth.
- Wherever possible, the series shall highlight local icons of African American History.

No council action necessary

Not on Agenda – Shannon Bennett (Council Chair) informed the council that she preparing a fact finding subcommittee to identify other programs/activities in other Cities that meet the following criteria:

- Has shown a statistical benefit to the African American Community
- Meet the goals of the AAAC Action Plan
- Plausible to enact by the AAAC within the City of Hollywood.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report on Open Action Items

Recorded in Pending Activities I.b.
No council action necessary

III. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

No council action necessary

IV. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion – Henry Graham
Second – Heather Mahoney