

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2015**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Hollywood City Hall Room 219.

Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
Linda Hill Anderson		X
Mary Mites Campbell	X	
Fern Canter	X	
Taj Dixon	X	
Carolina Forbes		X
Dawn Fuller		X
Henry Graham	X	
Heather Mahoney	X	
James Marshall		X
David Nichols		X
Samuel Prime		X
Emanuel Okwar		X
David Rosa Jr.	X	
Sheila Desir	X	
John Houmes	X	
Edward Polonio	X	

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

STAFF PERSON	DEPARTMENT
Anthony Grisby	Community and Economic Development
Debra Reese	Office of the City Attorney

GUESTS:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Basil Phillips	Global Village Impact
Nigel Morrison	Global Village Impact
Anthony Romero	Global Village Impact
Rozalia Williams, PhD.	GottadoCollege

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No quorum for last meeting

I. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction of New Members

No Action Needed

b. Sunshine Law – Debra Reese

Items Covered:

Assess to the City Attorney for Questions concerning the Sunshine Law.

The AAAC can only make recommendations to the City Commission or City Staff and not final decisions.

Conflict of Interest can include family members and employers. At the time of meeting if a council member believes there can be a possible conflict concerning an issue, the member must bring it up in a meeting and provide the facts and circumstances to the Liaison to be evaluated. If there is a conflict the member will be required to complete a Conflict Form.

Sunshine Law – The Sunshine Law is part of the Florida Constitution. Meetings must be noticed to the public. Public is allowed to attend. You will be given a copy of the Florida Sunshine Manual.

Three basic requirements:

- Meetings must be posted.
- Meetings are open to the public
- Minutes must be taken

Two or more members cannot discuss any topic that is foreseeable to be an action of the AAAC.

Penalty for violating the Sunshine Law – up to \$500.00 fine and/or up to 60 days in jail. Any action taken at a meeting held found to be in violation of the law shall be void by the court.

No Action Needed

c. Kuumba-STEM Update – Anthony Grisby Staff Liaison and Basil Phillips Exec. Dir. of Global Village Impact

The staff liaison reviewed the AAAC thought process for supporting Kuumba-STEM

Basil Phillips – The objective was to enhance social discipline and scholastic skills.

Along with afterschool tutorials utilizing STEM concepts, Global Village Impact created a partnership with Florida Memorial Black Mental Explorers for a 5 week summer camp at the college.

In addition, Florida Memorial has agreed to provide full scholarships Kuumba-STEM participants that graduate from high school.

No Action Needed

d. SEED Update - Basil Phillips Exec. Dir. of Global Village Impact

The staff liaison reviewed the AAAC thought process for supporting the SEED Program.

Basil Phillips – The SEED program imitates a training program previously operated by LES with the addition of a stipend.

The SEED program requires a substance abuse exam and provides life skills training. GVI is in agreement with Lowes that provides construction materials and seeks contracts with the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency. The program includes and graduation program that matches graduates with potential employers. While the program centers on construction, its basic goals is to prepare hard-to-serve participants for the workforce.

No Action Needed

e. Annual Retreat – Staff Liaison

Members should be prepared for a longer meeting in August to cover the demographic study.

GottadoCollege – Dr. Rozalia Williams – Has offered to have a series of three sessions on College Readiness in order to address the low college graduation rates particularly among African American Students. The Series will be organized with the assistance of the AAAC Education Committee.

No Action Needed

f. Officer Elections

Chairperson – Dr. Mary Mites - Campbell

Vice –Chairperson – David Rosa

Moved Unanimously

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report on Open Action Items

Item #	Action Item	Responsible entity	Status
029	Review Calendar of Events with Public Relations Department	City Staff	Complete
030	Identify non-profits to develop partnership for Cultural Awareness Objectives	City Staff	Complete
031	Identify non-profits to develop partnership for Housing Objectives	City Staff	Complete
032	Print City and Neighborhood Maps	City Staff	Complete
033	Create Cultural Awareness and Fact Finding Subcommittees	AAAC	Complete
034	Identify October meeting location	City Staff	Complete
035	Set meeting dates for Subcommittees	City Staff	Complete
036	Create Marketing Materials for AAH Workshop	City Staff	On-going
037	Develop Marketing Strategy for AAH Workshops	CA Sub	On-going
038	Identify "Game Changer Programs"	FF Sub	Canceled
039	Neighborhood Meetings	AAAC	On-going
040	Encourage participation in the My Brother's Keeper program	Education	On-going

Staff Liaison requested to discontinue the search for "Game Changer Programs". Taj Dixon wanted to make sure that the AAAC participate with the My Brother's Keeper program.

The council decided to address "My Brother's Keeper" via the Education Committee and discontinue the "Game Changer" search.

III. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

The Council entertained dates for the "Retreat". Council preliminarily selected 9/19/2015.

IV. ADJOURNMENT