

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
August 24, 2017**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Hollywood City Hall Room 219.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL –**

<b>Member</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Linda Hill Anderson	X	
Mary Mites Campbell		X
Henry Graham	X	
Jean Gustin		X
James Marshall	X	
Mimose Moise	X	
Samuel Prime	X	
Johann Fullington Reese	X	
David Rosa, Jr.	X	
Emmanuel Touze		X
Nila Williams	X	X
Carolyn Pitter	X	
Shantoya Robinson	X	
Channel Williams		X
Dudley Etienne-Harvard		X

<b>STAFF PERSON</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
Anthony Grisby	Community Development

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Sunshine Law – Anthony Grisby
  - City Attorney could not make meeting. Postponed until next month
- b. Southeast Sustainable Communities Fund Update – Anthony Grisby
  - Mr. Graham has meeting with the grant writer and stipends are included.
  - The purpose of this grant is to encourage and involve the minority community with sustainable practices.
  - If successful the AAAC will be asked to host workshops on sustainable activities.
- c. Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Update – Anthony Grisby

The SCLC is looking to host a MLK event for next year in the City. They have settled on a venue and that venue will be the Diplomat. The SCLC will be asking the following:

- City to pay for the venue and the food.
- City to be lessee because of the City rate.
- The Council will be asking the AAAC for a recommendation for approval.

Update –

- Staff is not optimistic that the City will be contributing the \$25,000.00 mark that SCLC needs at a minimum to undertake the event in Hollywood.
- The City's is looking to allocate \$5,000.00 to MLK.

Henry Graham - Are there businesses that might have some interest in the SCLC event.

Anthony Grisby – Possibly but probably not in the timeframe they are looking at.

David Rosa – Can we partner with other Cities?

Anthony Grisby – Yes. But what other Cities typically do is buy tables as sponsors.

Rozalia Williams (visitor) – What does SCLC bring to the table?

Mary Mites-Campbell – the Talent and any other cost outside of the Venue and the food.

Rozalia Williams (visitor) – Are they coming here anyway?

Anthony Grisby – I don't know.

Henry Graham – Did they consider the Hardrock?

Anthony Grisby – Yes. But it's a Christian organization and are concerned with the look of that.

David Rosa – When are going to be following up them?

Anthony Grisby – I was to hear from them today and I didn't.

Henry Graham – SCLC should do activities in Broward County to develop recognition by the community. The newer generations don't know who SCLC is.

Henry Graham – I am very upset with the superintendent about not having some form of vocational training in highschool.

Rozalia Williams (visitor) – there are technical highschools.

Henry Graham – Look at the requirements and locations for getting into those schools. Many of the kids from low income areas don't have access to those schools.

Mary Mites-Campbell – We need to do a data analysis on this subject prior to the AAAC choosing an action to take.

Open and free flow conversation continued on the subject of vocational activities in public schools but no action was taken.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Report on Open Action Items**

Anthony Grisby - Street Renaming Update – The vote on Street Renaming comes up on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. I suggest that the council members come into the chambers. The council has already made its recommendation in writing. Also if you are cornered by a reporter you cannot as a individual speak for the council the recommendation has been made and submitted as a report.

Mary Mites-Campbell – From what I can tell it looks like that it will pass. Commissioner Sherwood also said that the City will be prepared for expected protests. North Miami also passed a resolution of support.

## **III. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)**

## **IV. ADJOURNMENT**