

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 28, 2017**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Hollywood City Hall Room 219.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL –

Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
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
Carolyn Pitter	X	
Shantoya Robinson		X
Channel Williams		X
Dudley Etienne-Harvard		X

STAFF PERSON	DEPARTMENT
Anthony Grisby	Community Development

I. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sunshine Law – Alan Falik

The City Attorney made the following points concerning the Sunshine Law:

- The time and place of the meeting must be posted anytime two or more of you are meeting if you are discussing business that might come before you.
- The law says you must give reasonable notice of the meeting. The Attorney General decided that reasonable notice is 7 days.
- You must take minutes of the meeting that describe what is done and not everything that is said. The general idea of what action is taken and what decision is made.
- The Sunshine Law is now in the Florida Constitution

- Exemptions to the Sunshine Law probably would not apply here. Examples are when the City Commission is involved in litigation and union negotiations.
- Penalties for violating the Sunshine Law are i) knowingly violating the Sunshine Law can result in jail time ii) unwittingly can result in a fine. If someone files a lawsuit the council will be forced to meet again and re-vote on the action.
- E-mails are public records and subject to the public records law
- Exemptions of the public records law relate to law enforcement in an active criminal investigation.
- According to the Attorney General, the initial communication is not a subject to the Sunshine Law but the response can result in a Sunshine Law violation.

b. 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 did not receive any information from the SCLC and recommends that the council consider the issue closed.

Carolyn Pitter – did they get a good deal with the hotel?

Anthony Grisby – I think so.

Linda Anderson – I was told that they were going to finance the whole thing and wanted us to pay for ticket sales.

Anthony Grisby – I was told that they wanted the AAAC to recommend to the City that the City cover the cost of the venue and the food.

Linda Anderson – Before when we were a part of the MLK event we started a year ahead and still came down to getting tickets around December.

c. Black History Month – Anthony Grisby

Question to the Council – Last year we did a spoken word contest and do we want to partner with Barry University again.

Linda Anderson – If we do it we need more interaction with the schools.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – is that something that can be paired with South Broward Drama Club.

Anthony Grisby – How that works is you go through the Superintendents Screening Committee and the information goes to all the schools. What happens is if a teacher takes an interest they involve the kids.

David Rosa – Can we bring in a scholar or speaker from out of state.

Anthony Grisby – Yes. But there is the question of cost.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – What if there was a panel with 3 or 4 people on the subject matter.

Linda Anderson – I was impressed with the attendance the first night but I think that we should not have had a speaker for as long as the speaker spoke. The kids were focused on their presentation and could not absorb the presentation. I think the vent should be more focused.

Carolyn Pitter - Was it just poetry that they did?

David Rosa – Spoken Word.

Carolyn Pitter – Any room for art presentation?

Anthony Grisby - Yes.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – Do we have any thought to be more in alignment of the National Theme?

Anthony Grisby – Yes.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – Can that be the directive towards schools?

Anthony Grisby – Yes. The contest rules include adherence to the theme.

David Rosa – if we were to improve on what we did last year, some of the presentations from Barry were going over the head of the students.

Linda Anderson – The two [presentation and poetry contest] shouldn't happen on the same night.

Johann Reese – Being it Black History Month can we have an exhibit in the lobby?

Anthony Grisby – In the second floor lobby there is art work posted that is cleared through Art Committee. It would have to be framed a ready to be hung.

Johann Reese – Can we have display in the lobby for the month of February?

Anthony Grisby – Art work on walls Yes. Display in the lobby No.

Johann Reese – So we would have to get a sponsor?

Anthony Grisby – The AAAC can't solicit or hold money. Any requests for money have to come from our partner LES.

Open conversation continued on the development of the Black History Month Presentation until their serene consensus on the following;

- The Educational piece and Spoken Word will happen on different nights. However, there will be a shorter educational piece on the Spoken Word night.
- The AAAC Black History Month will continue with the National theme.
- Locate a musical Jazz Quartet.
- The events will continue to be in City Hall
- Continue relationship with Barry
- Continue relationship with LES and AT&T Pioneers
- Continue relationship with Churches
- We need to be a better job on enforcing time restraints
- Target Thursday nights

II. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

III. ADJOURNMENT