

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2017**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, November 16, 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	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. Street Name Update –

Linda Anderson – Yesterday they said that the applicants were responsible for all costs, but in the workshop it was said that the City would refund the costs. Is that what you saw?

Anthony Grisby - I am a little confused on the vote. My understanding of what the resolution required was different than what I thought the City Attorneys interpretation was. My understanding was that there was an application fee and a hard costs associated with changing the names. There is a requirement that you have to have a certain number of the addresses abutting the streets agree. Then that goes to naming committee and the naming committee approves of a new name. However, we understand that this issue is primarily concerned with the existing name. Then there is a notification that says that the name of your street is going to

change and they have to notify the affected parties. I thought that the Commission can by 5/7th vote can decide not to do any of that. It my interpretation that in that case all those costs are waived.

Linda Anderson – That’s what Laurie said and that we should be getting refunded the money.

Anthony Grisby – That was my interpretation but it was a lot of back and forth. This process operates under a resolution and not an Ordinance. Where they landed is what the City Attorney said.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – Where did the City Attorney land?

Anthony Grisby – it was decided that they needed to notify the community before they took a vote.

Linda Anderson – He said since they had already notified the community, they did not need to notify the community of what it will be. They had a workshop that was televised and everybody knew.

Heather Mahoney (visitor) – Are we only waiting on the trigger date to start?

Linda Anderson – They already agreed to start.

Anthony Grisby – I think e they agreed to a period of time where there would be dual signs.

Linda Anderson – Yes. Two years.

Anthony Grisby – I think the Council should be commended on the way you all approached this decision with discipline and considered all factors and was able to express your recommendation in writing. I think Ms. Anderson should be super commended [applause] on acting as the petitioner. That could have went all kind of crazy, but the council showed great maturity and discipline.

Henry Graham – This thing went all over the country. I received calls from many places concerning this item.

Linda Anderson – Yes. The Today Show called me.

Anthony Grisby – It has given a blueprint for the future. It showed how the Council separated its recommendation from any individual council person’s advocacy. All your recommendations should be in writing.

Open Discussion and free flow conversation continued along these lines but no action was taken or necessary

- b. Black History Month – Anthony Grisby

Anthony Grisby passed out the Black History Month Theme from ASALAH and Draft Proclamation.

Open Discussion continued on the language of the draft to be submitted including the following points:

David Rosa - What is the formal title of the month African American History or Black History Month?

Anthony Grisby – ASALAH uses Black History Month

Heather Mahoney – Is this what they used last year?

Anthony Grisby – No. Anything grammatically wrong is something that I have wrong and please suggest the change.

Open Conversation continued between James Marshall, Heather Mahoney, Linda Anderson, David Rosa and Henry Graham and determined that Black History Month refers to the event and African American refers to the individual.

Heather Mahoney – Are we breaking them down by wars?

Anthony Grisby – Yes

Heather Mahoney – I am not getting the 1813 reference when it was the war of 1812.

Anthony Grisby – In 1812 we were forbidden to participate as black sailors. The Navy was forced by necessity to except black sailors so by 1813 we made up 13% of the Navy.

Heather Mahoney – What is the expeditionary force?

Anthony Grisby – When they went off to World War I and fought abroad.

Heather Mahoney – Who was President in 1948?

Anthony Grisby - Truman

Heather Mahoney – We make up 12% of the population and what percent of the military?

Anthony Grisby – 17%

Heather Mahoney then suggested some grammatical changes based on that fact.

Heather Mahoney – Is AT&T Pioneers a company in and of itself?

Anthony Grisby –AT&T Pioneers is the non-profit arm of AT&T.

Linda Anderson – Are we still doing the Lecture?

Anthony Grisby – Yes. We will review after we get through the Proclamation.

Shatoria Means – Who chose the theme?

David Rosa - ASALAH

The Staff Liaison took note of changes suggested during the discussion and will submit the draft after the changes are made.

Black History Month Program – Anthony Grisby

Linda Anderson – We have to cognizant of the time that the moderator uses. Do we need a moderator?

Heather Mahoney – I don't want to be lectured.

Anthony Grisby – We should use Barry because they provide free resources. What I suggest that instead of bringing in a college professor to lecture, bring a college professor to moderate a panel of wartime veterans from different eras. On behalf of the council I have reached out to some vets to research the possibilities.

Shatoria Means – Did you have the ability to interview them, record them and edit it? If someone has never done public speaking before they can get long winded.

Linda Anderson - The information is interesting but it is too boring for children that have been in school all day.

Anthony Grisby – I suggesting February 8th for the Panel and February 22nd is the Poetry Slam.

James Marshall – At the Black Police Museum we have Lieutenant McKay he is 92 years old and he still dose tours. We have a tape of him.

Johann Reese – Why not have a bio of them so we would know what they are going to talk about.

Heather Mahoney – Have the vets there deal with the mindset challenges during those wars. How did you navigate those challenges after you were out.

Johann Reese – If you have a moderator, you have to give the moderator the core of shat you are trying to get out of these panelist.

David Rosa – Can we get some kind of award for the panelist?

Anthony Grisby – We don't have any money.

Shatoria Means - Can we get volunteer hours for the kids that would get assigned to panelist?

Henry Graham – Contact Bobby White with the VFW on Pembroke Road.

Anthony Grisby – OK

Johann Reese - Will we have representatives from each branch?

Anthony Grisby – If we have those choices.

Linda Anderson – We need to make sure that there is nothing on the docket for here.

Johann Reese – We need to get out a save the date.

Linda Anderson – Make sure you check Commission in the Communities Time.

Johann Reese – Can City staff donate funds for resources?

Anthony Grisby – City staff can donate to LES not to the AAAC. However, I am not comfortable with asking donations of City staff and strongly recommend against it.

David Rosa – My church donate funds to LES to pay for DJ and associated cost.

Discussion continued free flowing culminating in a consensus that the Staff Liaison should create an agenda format and resources table to be brought before the council to address the program. Linda Anderson will liaison with churches for the reception area.

II. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

III. ADJOURNMENT