

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2017**

The African American Advisory Council conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, December 21, 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	X
Shantoya Robinson		X
Channel Williams		X
Dudley Etienne-Harvard		X

STAFF PERSON	DEPARTMENT
Anthony Grisby	Community Development

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Black History Month – Anthony Grisby

Anthony Grisby passed out revised draft Proclamation

Anthony Grisby - Post 8159 in the person of Bobby White is who we are working with to get vets. I have been in contact with one vet that is not in that post Mya Burt-Stewart who served in the Gulf war.

I reached out contact the United Churches of Liberia to provide refreshments for the lobby and Ms. Anderson will be following up with them.

I have also talked to the Commander of Broward County Schools who will be providing a color guard for the the night of the Panel.

Opening remarks will be done by Dr. Bowen and he will introduce the veterans from Post 8159 who will be reading excerpts from their book [book being passed around]. Bobby White is trying to get as old of Veterans as he can.

The council was concerned about the panelist going long. So the moderator will be instructed to control the conversations and questions.

Shatoria Means - When I have done Panel discussions in the past I send the questions to the panelist so that they know what to expect.

Rozalia Williams – Don't give the person [audience questioner] the microphone.

Anthony Grisby – the Proclamation will be presented to the AAAC, Barry, AT&T, and the VFW on Feb. 7th at some time after the start of the 1:00pm Commission meeting.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Can the Churches be mentioned in the Proclamation?

Anthony Grisby – What is missing on the 8th is the color guard. On the 22nd there will be no other presentation other than the poetry from the kids and the MC shall be Donovan Campbell.

Rozalia Williams – Is that when I can donate my books?

Anthony Grisby – Yes.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Will we have any military people here signing people up?

Anthony Grisby – I interpreted the purpose of this event was to talk about the experience of African American military personnel during wartime and not to be pro or anti-military. Is it the pleasure of the Council to support recruitment in the military?

Mary Mites-Campbell – I have ambiguous feelings on that.

Anthony Grisby – Typically when the Council backs a thing we have reasoning why we do so. STEM being an example. Do we have a reason as to why we would back military recruitment? I'm not saying we shouldn't but typically we would have researched the topic and have a position.

Johann Reese – I think that they [military recruiters] should take it unto themselves to set up recruitment stations.

Open discussion continued. No official was action taken to provide a military recruiting station during the events.

Anthony Grisby – You will not be meeting again until January so please pay attention to e-mails as we get closer to the event.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Are we looking vendors?

Anthony Grisby – No. We hadn't solicited any vendors.

Mary Mites-Campbell – What are the prizes?

Anthony Grisby – iPad Mini, Samsung iPad, Kendall

Shatoria Means – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Mary Mites-Campbell – Can we look into the Echo for next year?

Anthony Grisby – I have been presenting prizes to the council that AT&T Pioneers offers LES.

b. Charter Review Committee

Rozalia Williams – Reminded the council that she is on the City of Hollywood Charter Review Committee. A subcommittee meeting will be held on January 10th from 6 to 8 in Rm 215. I have suggested guiding principles for the Charter. There will be two public meetings January 16 from 6 to 8 and a community presentations will be at Hollywood Beach Community Center March 5th 5 to 7 and Boulevard Heights on March 19th from 5 to 7. These are opportunities for the Community to come out and show input based on the recommendations that have been made so far.

Anthony Grisby – Where can the Council get a synopsis of what changes are recommended.

Rozalia Williams – There was a presentation to the Commission from Lurie Mertens-Black and Pat Cerny has all of the minutes.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Are they saying that the Commissioner's opportunity to have 5/7th vote be removed?

Rozalia Williams – It is my understanding is that this motion was to remove the Commissioner's ability to waive a vote. Also, there was a proposal to include non-discrimination, non-hatred and non-anti-semitism as part of one of the city's initiatives that was referred to the Guiding Principals subcommittee meeting.

Mary Mites-Campbell – I didn't hear harassment is that a possibility?

Rozalia Williams – I'm not being inclusive, it could be.

Anthony Grisby – Are the March meetings Public Hearings gathering information as part of the public process?

Rozalia Williams - All of the meetings are an opportunity to gather information from the public.

Rozalia Williams – There are core values that every department has but there are not any core values in the Charter.

Shatoria Means – Do other Cities have Core Values?

Rozalia Williams – They do.

Anthony Grisby – If the council would want to comment on the Charter Review the council would have to research the issue and take a council stance.

Rozalia Williams – The research is already done for you. All you have to do is read it.

Anthony Grisby – I typically put together a road map for the Council to review.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Do we have time to do this?

Anthony Grisby – I don't think so. When is the last date to turn in a formal recommendation?

Rozalia Williams – The last meeting we have is April 23rd.

Anthony Grisby – In order to prepare the Council, next month I would need to get the minutes and tape to present to the Council...this is what it would take..... a meeting in January and a meeting between the Black History Month events in February and at least one and maybe two meetings in March.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Does the Council want to work extra to make sure our voices are heard? [there was a consensus on yes amongst the members by nodding heads].

Anthony Grisby – The Council recommendation needs to be complete and submitted by at least April 9th

Shatoria Means – We need to focus on what one area is pertinent to the Council.

Mary Mites-Campbell – We need to work through January and February to create and convene a subcommittee to present to the Council by March.

Rozalia Williams – It does not need to be sent to me but to Lori. Others send their comments to Lori to be considered by the Committee.

Johann Reese – Citizens

Rozalia Williams – Yes. Citizens

Rozalia Williams – In general, this is an opportunity for the Council to have a voice in a Charter that will be in place for the next 10 years.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Why I am pushing along with you Doc [Rozalia Williams] is I am also a part of the Hollywood Hills Strategic Planning and we have some really cut dates that we need to meet. I just don't want us to miss out on opportunities.

Anthony Grisby – I am not pushing back, I just don't want the Council to produce any recommendation that it has not fully researched or understands the ramifications.

Rozalia Williams – Rightfully so. I am regular attendant of these meetings not on the Council but in the gallery. I thought that it was my responsibility to make the Council aware of these meetings.

Mary Mites-Campbell – Whoever that faithful few is can do the work and bring it back to the Council.

Anthony Grisby – In order to pick the issues that are important to the Council you will have to review all of the issues. So on January 10th we have to be prepared to walk through all the issues at the subcommittee. At that subcommittee meeting we will have to decide on the issues we want to address. Subsequently, in the February meeting we have to determine actions to address the issues in the Charter the subcommittee identified as flawed or need modification. That will require some data mining.....

Rozalia Williams – I want to make the distinction. There are two issues here. I am proposing that Core Values be made a part of the Charter. But within that Charter there issues that affect African American across the board. New initiatives may be proposed or new components can be proposed.

Mary Mites-Campbell – I was thinking that Doc said the PowerPoint is available. If you [Anthony Grisby] can retrieve that and provide that to us before the January meeting.....

Rozalia Williams – The City Charter is on the City of Hollywood website. You can review it before the meeting.

Mary Mites-Campbell – I want to see what was presented to the Mayor and Commissioners.

Anthony Grisby – They presented to the Mayor and Commission the status of their progress.

Rozalia Williams – You can read the Charter and get your education.

Anthony Grisby – A Council Recommendation would be in report form along the lines of the street signs report. If that is submitted on April 9th is that a little late.

Rozalia Williams – I don't think anything is ever too late.

Anthony Grisby – I think April 9th is the earliest you [to the Chair] can expect to be completed.

Rozalia Williams – Our calendar has April 9th is the second last Charter Review meeting.

Anthony Grisby – In that case, we really need to get it there on the 1st so it has time to get in the Committee's package.

Rozalia Williams – As an informed citizen you can go on-line now and see what speaks to you or the citizens around you and comment.

Anthony Grisby – It is two ways to do this. The Council can make a recommendation or Council members can attend the meetings as private citizens a comment as such. It is important to note that to make a hard stance on a position in the Charter it is in place for 10 years.

Mary Mites-Campbell – That is what we did on the Street Naming.

Anthony Grisby – Yes. But I think that is different.

Open discussion continued along these lines until it was decided that a subcommittee would be created among volunteers and the Staff Liaison will set the Subcommittee meeting to review the Charter. The Subcommittee will make a recommendation to the AAAC on whether to make a Council recommendation and what the recommendations should be.

II. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (10 minutes)

III. ADJOURNMENT