

City of Hollywood

Education Advisory Board Committee Meeting Minutes February 10, 2020

In Attendance: Mitch Anton, Dan Derrico, Carol Fischer, Jacqueline Grant, Donna Greene, Joel Levine, Allan Libero, Cheree Liebowitz, Graham Rubin, Ellen Suppa and Kathy Thomas

Staff: Anthony Grisby, Interim Community Development Manager
Peggy Eads, Administrative Assistant 1

Non-Members: Kypps Poliard
Natalia Garceau
Julie Ganas

I. **Call to Order**

Mitch Anton gave motion to approve the November 18, 2019 minutes. Motion was seconded by Allan Libero. Unanimous. Mitch Anton gave motion to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes. Motion was seconded by Allan Libero. Unanimous.

II. **Old Business**

Annual Report 2019

After much discussion on changes to the report, the members agreed to approve it as revised. Allan Libero motioned to approve the report and Cheree Liebowitz seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Question: Did Matthew Laskowski forward the final draft of the Education Survey to Lorie Mertens-Black? Anthony Grisby said that he would meet with Debra Reese, Senior Assistant City Attorney, to discuss how to best distribute the survey and letter to Broward County School Board.

III. **New Business**

Anthony Grisby discussed Black History Month events: African Americans and the Vote Presentation and Panel Discussion on February 11, 2020, 5:30-8:30 in City Hall, Room 219, and the 4th Annual Talented 10th Poetry Slam on February 25, 2020, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in City Hall, Room 219.

Mitch Anton spoke about the Men Can Read Event on March 5 in Ft. Lauderdale.

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IV. **Member Comments/Updates**

Allan Libero: We spend too much time discussing Goals and Objectives, which gets in the way of accomplishing things.

A general discussion ensued on how many goals to have going forward.

Cheree: Attended the South Area Advisory Council (SAAC) meeting. They spoke about hiring more security monitors in Broward County Schools. February 14 is a half day for Broward schools, a day of service and love in commemoration of the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas tragedy. A new county-wide curriculum regarding human trafficking. A School Improvement Plan can be seen on the Broward County website including a survey requesting feedback. SAAC meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at McArthur High School. She met with Eddie Aguilar, Principal at Oakridge Elementary, to talk about creating a Reading Oasis in his school.

Donna Greene: Discussed the Recycle Book Program. Should we do an article on the program for the Hollywood Gazette? There are a lot of books at Gulfstream.

General discussion on upcoming Principal visits. Dan Derrico: Should we invite the Hallandale principal to the June meeting?

Should we invite Anna Fusco, President of the Broward Teachers Union, to a meeting?

Carol Fischer: Attended the "Rally in Tally" protest on January 19 in Tallahassee in an effort to demand the Florida legislature and governor stop defunding public education. Speakers were parents, teacher and kids.

Mitch Anton: Participated in a Chamber Leadership Forum on charter schools and public schools.

Grahm Rubin: Why is there a perception that charter schools are better than public schools? A discussion ensued on the difference between the two types of schools.

V. **Staff Report**

Anthony Grisby discussed the First Time Homebuyer Program, Work Skills Program, Home Reveal and Neighborhood Pride Demonstration Block event, all in conjunction with the Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

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Visitor Natalia Garceau also discussed her participation at the “Rally in Tally”.

Mitch Anton gave a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Carol Fischer.
Unanimous.

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Meeting adjourned @ 7:45pm