



City of Seattle

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

December 15, 2015

Present: Mattie Taplin, Marsha Andrews, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Susan Millender, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman,

Excused: Rev. Don Davis

Staff: Rowena Rye, Karen Winston

- I. Mattie Taplin opened the meeting and welcomed the group.
 - II. Rowena discussed the return of MCAAE liaison Karen Winston. Karen's work on the new strategic plan is done, and effective in January she will resume her long time responsibilities as liaison. Rowena thanked the council for all of their work on the report to Mayor Murray, and subsequent meetings with the Mayor, HSD Director Catherine Lester, and other staff in their identification of the issues impacting the African American Community, and their proposed solutions and advocacy. The council thanked Rowena for her work on their behalf, and presented her with a card signed by MCAAE members and a gift. Rowena introduced Karen, noting her experience, historical knowledge, and excellent previous work as liaison.
 - III. Karen expressed her gratitude to Rowena for her work with the council in her absence, and her commitment to their future work. Karen provided the council with 2016 parking permit applications, and asked the council to consider a new meeting time and return to the previous venue, the Seattle Municipal Tower. There was consensus by the group to make the change. Karen also referenced the vacuum left for African American caregivers for the past few years, since the Alzheimer's Association no longer hosts the African American Caregivers Forum. Rowena told the council that the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens would welcome a collaboration with the council should they decide to work on a caregivers' event.
 - IV. Karen will be contacting the members, and sending information about the next meeting.
 - V. The meeting was adjourned.
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