

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

February 17, 2015

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

**Excused:** Rev. Don Davis, Marsha Andrews, JD, Dr. Norwood Brooks, Susan Millender

**Guest:** Dian Ferguson

**Staff:** Rowena Rye

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- I. Mattie Taplin opened meeting and welcomed the group.
- II. The group discussed and reached consensus that a working retreat is needed to complete the report to Mayor Murray. The date of Saturday, March 14th from 9am-5pm was set. Dian shared with the group that there were no regularly scheduled activities after 2 pm, and there will be a need to pay a security guard an additional \$15/hr. from 2:00 – 5:00pm, in addition to the basic rental fee of \$45. Rowena indicated that a light breakfast, lunch and beverages would be covered. Dr. Pittman offered to pick up breakfast and coffee.
- III. Areas of focus where more information is needed include: senior shelter models, and a sample shelter budget. Dr. Pittman is bringing her students to help to complete the report.
- IV. Dr. Pittman shared that she was interviewed in part of a documentary funded by the Department of Neighborhoods, and discusses racial disparities. Others involved in the film include Dr. Quintard Taylor, Dorothy Hollingsworth and Maxine Mims. The UW Library, MOHAI and NAAM were also involved in the video. She will bring the video to the retreat to share with the group. A discussion followed about the history and experience of African Americans in Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned.

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