

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

April 15, 2014

Present: Rev. Don Davis, Susan Millender

Excused: Mattie Taplin

Guests: Dr. Brenda Jackson, Collette Robinson

ADS Staff: Rowena Rye (teleconferencing)

- I. Interim Chair Rev. Don Davis welcomed members, and candidates for MCAAE membership. He asked Rowena to update the group on the status of the appointment of new MCAAE members.

- II. Rowena apologized for not being at the meeting, and explained that her work schedule for the week was impacted by the arrival of a new grandson. She thanked Collette for offering to take notes for the meeting. Rowena provided an overview of the appointments process, and shared with the group that all paperwork had been completed, signed off on by ADS Interim Director, Maureen Linehan, and was being reviewed by Interim Human Services Department Director Catherine Lester. The next steps will be review by the Mayor, who will contact the members directly regarding their appointments. She referenced a meeting held last week by Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim and a discussion with the Boards and Commissions Director Pedro Gomez after the meeting. She pointed out that there are 78 Boards and Commissions for the City, and that many have candidates for membership pending. She is uncertain at this point of the timeline, but will keep the council updated as the process moves forward.

- III. Rowena also checked in with the group regarding inviting a speaker in May. The council would like to re-invite new CEO of Senior Services, Paula Houston. The group indicated that they would like to have a speaker every other month.

- IV. Rev. Don informed with the group that he was in communication with Attorney Nancy Stephens to get information about the process of obtaining a 501-c-3. He may invite her to a future meeting to discuss the process.

- V. Rev. Don shared that Susan Taylor would like a video profiling the work of the council to share with her network of contacts when one is available.

- VI. The group agreed to review the 2004 MCAAE needs Assessment by April 25th, and will meet to discuss next steps for a new MCAAE Needs Assessment on April 29th at Starbuck's. Time TBD.

The meeting was adjourned.

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