

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

April 21, 2017

**Members Present** – Mattie Taplin, Chair, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Robert Wood (guest)

**Excused** – Brenda Charles (Appointment pending); Susan Millender; Jim Watkins (Appointment pending); Cynthia Winters (Appointment pending)

**ADS Staff** – Karen Winston

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### I. Opening Question

Mattie started the meeting by asking everyone to answer the question – What would be different about Seattle, if the MCAAE was working the way you think it should? Responses included the following:

- Increased visibility accomplished through sharing information specific to older adults at senior centers and other venues where older adults gather.
- MCAAE would be a household name. More people would be aware of the commission and understand what we're charged to do.
- MCAAE would be actively disseminating information about City and County resources.
- The MCAAE feels detached from other boards and commissions. I would like to see a better connection (visibility & presence) with the ADS Advisory Council.
- The MCAAE would be attractive and inviting, and more of an influencing group, rather than an advocating group.
- More people would know that we are appointed by the Mayor.

### II. MCAAE Focus on the Future

Members discussed what the MCAAE should focus on for the remainder of the year, including:

- Establish a better connection with the ADS Advisory Council.
- Recruitment
- Promote the use of the City of Seattle Democracy Vouchers.
- Partner with the League of Women Voters and assist with outreach to older adults.

### III. ADS Updates- Karen provided the following updates.

- [Age-Friendly Seattle](http://www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/age-friendly-communities/) - The official Age-Friendly launch was held on March 22. For an overview of age-friendly communities, visit: [www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/age-friendly-communities/](http://www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/age-friendly-communities/)
- The age-friendly initiative is planning a forum for LGBTQ elders, on Saturday, June 3, at Seattle City Hall. It will be an all-day event. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

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- The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department is hosting LGBTQ Seniors Resource Fairs. The first one was held at Rainier Community Center, on April 19. The next one will be at the Northgate Community Center, on April 29; and the last one will be at the Miller Community Center, on May 10. All are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **IV. May Meeting**

- Continue discussion on next steps and planning future activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.