

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD  
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 14, 2019**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Mitchell Anton  
Dan Derrico, Ed. D.  
Carol Fischer  
Donna Greene  
Matthew Laskowski

Joel Levine, Ed. D.  
Ellen Suppa  
Kathy Thomas, Ed. D.  
Timi Adelakun

Also Present:

Lorie Mertens-Black, Chief Civic Affairs Officer  
Commissioner Blattner  
Jonathan Anderson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BCPS PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

There were no BCPS personnel in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Derrico asked if there were any comments or changes to the September 19, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Anton motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Thomas seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on School Board proposals:

- Jonathan Anderson, Hollywood resident, expressed interest in discussion regarding any proposals for Attucks Middle School.
- An update was provided by Lorie Mertens-Black regarding School Board proposals. She provided an overview of the September 18, 2019 workshop, the September 18, 2019 City Commission meeting and the October 8, 2019 School Board meeting.
- Mitch was at Driftwood Elementary this morning, they were receptive to a K-8 model. He is curious to hear Mr. Anderson's thoughts on the Bethune/Attucks proposal.
- Lorie reminded the Committee that public school enrollment is not only a Hollywood issue.

- Mr. Anderson wants to ensure that the school remain named after Crispus Attucks and continues to be a middle school to serve the community. He expressed concern over sense of pride, benefit to the community and quality of education. He is part of the Attucks Alumni Association.
- Commissioner Blattner spoke regarding the proposal to add a gifted academy and the School Board Workshop he attended along with Commissioner Shuham and Mayor Levy. He also mentioned that the School Board discussed facilities and how they could be repurposed or sold and possibilities for an increase in enrollment, bringing students back to the public school system.
- Mr. Anderson spoke about integration and race as well as perception.
- Dan suggested establishing goals for 2020 concerning promoting schools by highlighting achievements.

#### Discussion on the proposed education survey

- Lorie asked about why the survey was being proposed. She also spoke about other surveys she has conducted.
- Mitch explained that it started with wanting to know why kids don't go to Hollywood Hills, then expanded to the whole City.
- He asked if the survey link can be placed on each school website.
- Timi suggested questions to include asking about Hollywood residency. He also questioned why only one program was listed for Hollywood Hills.
- Joel mentioned survey should include only magnets and innovative programs.
- Mitch motioned for Lorie Mertens-Black to revise the survey, Dan seconded the motion and that was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Dan suggested also surveying parents about middle schools.
- Discussion ensued and the Committee decided to wait until after school board makes a decision about the school proposals.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule for 2020

- Dan reviewed the 2020 meeting schedule. Donna motioned acceptance of the schedule and Carol seconded the motion to accept the schedule. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Annual Report 2019

- Dan will draft the annual report and send out last year's report to include highlights of the year and future goals such as the School Board Forum and survey. He asked members to send suggestions for the Annual Report to Lorie.
- Joel suggested highlights to include individual member activities outside of committee activities.

#### MEMBER COMMENTS

- Carol spoke about an event on November 7, 2019: Read for the Record, stating it's an opportunity for members to volunteer.
- Mitch mentioned Temple Sinai's 3- and 4-year old Early Childhood Learning Foster Grandparent Program.
- Donna spoke about Little Libraries, book collections for Little Free Libraries, trying to connect to Mobile Food Pantry, of which 75 families use, to offer them children's books.
- Lorie shared information on upcoming grant writing workshops from Broward Education Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.