

**City of Hollywood
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021
6:00 pm
Hollywood City Hall, Room 215**

In Attendance: Jacqueline Grant, Donna Greene, Joel Levine, Vice Chair
Cheree Liebowitz, Ellen Suppa, and Kathy Thomas

Absent: Chair Dan Derrico, Kypps Poliard, Graham Rubin and
Gabrielle Short

Staff: Anthony Grisby, Liaison

Non-Members: Mitch Anton
Carol Fischer
Marie Murray Martin
Ann Murray, Broward County School Board Member,
District 1
Rod Velez

1. Call to Order

In Dan Derrico's absence, Cheree Liebowitz called the meeting to order. Roll was taken and is noted above.

2. Review of minutes from May 17, 2021 meeting

Ellen **motioned** to approve the May minutes. Jacqueline seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Acknowledgement of BCPS personnel in attendance

Cheree recognized Broward County School Board Member for District 1, Ann Murray. Ms. Murray spoke about the summer school program for students as well as staff. An emphasis will be on social-emotional wellness. The summer program will provide internal tutoring for students. Teachers who work in the summer program will receive a \$1000 bonus. She also spoke about changes in school personnel in Broward County. Cheree asked about the three schools in Hollywood

whose principals are leaving. Ms. Murray updated the Committee on three schools who will have a new principal: Boulevard Heights Elementary, Attucks Middle School and Beachside Montessori. She spoke about how important it is for principals to understand the diversity of the community.

Donna asked if the bond money for school updates had been frozen during the pandemic. Ms. Murray answered that the funding hadn't been frozen and in fact, some programs were accelerated because the schools were empty. The school board hired a new consulting firm to oversee the program and the anticipated date for completion is 2025 or before.

Previous and future member Mitch Anton noted that the Committee had advocated that Hollywood Central Elementary's designation be changed from K-5 to K-8, but that wasn't approved. Ms. Murray answered that there were boundary issues and that she felt it would still be a possibility for the school to change at some point in the future.

Cheree thanked Ms. Murray for attending the meeting and updating the Committee on School Board issues.

Cheree recognized other visitors: Mitch Anton and Carol Fischer, previous Committee members who are newly appointed, and Rod Velez, a newly appointed member and a candidate for Broward County School Board District 1. Also attending was Marie Murray Martin, a teacher at Apollo Middle School and a candidate for Broward County School Board District 1.

4. New Business

- **Discussion of Hollywood Schools Web Page**

Hollywood Schools Web Page Subcommittee Chairman Joel Levine updated the Committee on the progress that had been made since the last meeting. A letter from Chairman Dan Derrico was sent to the 23 public schools, 8 charter schools and 1 center. The letter outlined the Web Page project and asked the school principal to designate someone from his/her school to serve as a contact. This contact person would submit information about the school including updates,

accomplishments and improvements and would work closely with the EAC committee person assigned to their school. Up to the date of the meeting, 7 schools had responded with their school contact person information. Ms. Martin suggested that the schools that hadn't responded be contacted via phone. Joel mentioned that the new Committee members would shortly receive an email asking for their choice of schools to serve as a contact.

Anthony showed the Committee members how the schools webpage can be accessed on the City's current website and noted that this may change as the City is revamping its website. The placement for the webpage will be accessed by clicking on a button, and in the Spotlight section. The landing page will have two sections, a table with basic information about the school and a second section with a narrative about accomplishments, improvements, etc., as well as a link to an interactive map of schools. Anthony suggested having the Committee members bring updates from their schools to the monthly EAC meetings. Joel said the Subcommittee is working on a template for submissions. Anthony stressed that the long term goal is to build a relationship with the school.

Ms. Murray asked if a news flash feature could be incorporated to highlight current and exciting news. Anthony said he would investigate whether that could be done.

Cheree thanked Joel, Dan and Ellen for their hard work on the project. Anthony reminded the members that the subcommittee meetings are open to the public and cautioned them not to be in contact with each other about the project because it is a violation of the Sunshine Law.

5. Old Business

- **Discussion of 2021 Goals and Objectives**

No comments were offered on Goals and Objectives. Cheree asked the members who are working on different aspects to come to the July meeting with an update.

6. Member Comments

Both Donna and Kathy, who have termed out and will be leaving the Committee, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and thanked the Committee members. Cheree thanked the two of them for their years of service and stressed how much they will be missed.

7. Staff Report

Anthony said that Parks and Recreation have been given CDBG-CV3 funding for laptops and HVAC systems for after school programs in parks located in low to moderate income areas. He went on to say that on July 7th decisions would be made regarding the One Year Action Plan funding based on recommendations made by the Community Development Advisory Board. Many youth and children's services are funded through this plan. He went on to say that the City will receive another allocation of HOME funding. The focus will be on the homeless population. The City will have a series of workshops regarding the funding and Anthony will be getting feedback from the EAC members.

8. Adjournment

Kathy made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Jacqueline seconded it. It was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled committee meeting is at 6:00 pm on Monday July 19, 2021, at Hollywood City Hall, Room 215.