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# African American Cultural Center Community Advisory Committee Meeting #7

## MEETING NOTES

August 27, 2019  
4:00pm to 6:30pm

Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)  
628 Alamitos Avenue,  
Long Beach, CA 90802

### **Attendance:**

*Co-Chairs:* Erroll Parker, Program Director, Success in Challenges, Inc.; Max Viltz, Owner, Village Treasures

*Working Group Members:* Nicole Ballard, President, African American Heritage Society of Long Beach; Monte B. Beard, Sr., Long Beach NAACP Executive Committee; Charles Brown, Vice President, Non-Profit Sector, Lyde Enterprises; Gerald Burford, Member, 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.; Valenda Dennard, Analyst, City of Long Beach; Angelo Dickens, Realtor, ReMax; Carl Kemp; Sharon McLucas, Owner, Forgotten Images; Renee Quarles, CEO, Shades of Afrika; Ahmed Saafir, Chair, Long Beach Community Improvement League; Sakkara Thomas, Founding President, Queens Historical Society, Inc.; Dr. Leon Wood Jr., President, Success in Challenges, Inc.

*Community Advisors:* Dr. Melanie Curtis Andrews, Artistic Director, Inner City Shakespeare Ensemble; Dr. Minnie Douglas, Community Volunteer; Gregory Johnson, Managing Director, DreamKreator Studio; Loren Simpson, Director of Digital Communications, Long Beach CVB; Griselda Suarez, Executive Director, Arts Council for Long Beach;

*Staff members:* Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager, City of Long Beach; Tracy Colunga, Innovation Director, City of Long Beach; Tasha W. Hunter, Wiggins Hunter Consulting; Alan Burks, Environ Architecture, Inc.; Alvin Teng, Management Assistant, City of Long Beach

### **1. Conversation with Lourdes I. Ramos-Rivas, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ramos-Rivas presented on the history and current operations of MOLAA and responded to questions from Committee members.



## **2. Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chairs Erroll Parker and Max Viltz called the meeting to order at 5:26pm.

## **3. Fund Development Subcommittee Update**

Sharon McLucas gave the Committee a brief update on the work of the Fund Development Subcommittee. She then introduced Dr. Minnie Douglas to present the two related agenda items.

### **a. Bylaws Subcommittee**

The Co-Chairs entertained a motion to establish a Bylaws Subcommittee to develop organizational bylaws, moved by Dr. Minnie Douglas and seconded by Ahmed Saafir. The motion passed with 11 votes in favor, none opposed.

### **b. MOU with Long Beach Education Foundation**

Dr. Minnie Douglas presented the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Long Beach Education Foundation (LBEF). Copies of the MOU were distributed and members of the Committee were given time to review. Conversation ensued.

Griselda Suarez noted that the last sentence in the seventh paragraph implies in-kind services. Ahmed Saafir noted that it will be important to align the AACCLB's focus on education.

The Co-Chairs entertained a motion to approve the MOU with LBEF as presented, with the last sentence of the seventh paragraph removed, moved by Carl Kemp and seconded by Nicole Ballard. Conversation ensued. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor, none opposed.

Co-Chair Erroll Parker mentioned that the Committee's legal counsel will review the document for legal accuracy.

## **4. Public Comment**

Judy Seal commented on the signing of the MOU.

## **5. Committee Comment**

Ahmed Saafir noted the history of Robert Gumbiner, founder of MOLAA. He also referenced an article about the financing of museums.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.**

