



Washington Heights Selection Committee
Meeting Minutes
4:00 pm Wednesday February 9, 2022
Washington Heights United Methodist Church
In Person and via Facebook LIVE

1. Call to Order

Lynn Ward Gray called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Roll Call: Lynn Ward Gray, Jenasia Morris, Ron Sweet, and Dr. Elishae Johnson (arrived at 4:18 pm) in attendance at WHUMC. Rochelle Hatcher participating via Facebook LIVE. In accordance with open meetings guidance, Rochelle Hatcher will not be able to vote during this meeting.

Staff: Krista Trout-Edwards, Executive Director; Angela Whitesell, Office & Program Coordinator; Amy Rose Robinson, Property & Project Coordinator; Janie Brown, Grant Support Technician.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Morris moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Sweet seconded, motion passed, roll call vote. Motion carried. In Favor: Gray, Morris, Sweet. Opposed: None.

3. Citizen Comment

None.

4. Staff Overview Report

General comments provided regarding the purpose of today's meeting and requested any feedback regarding our process and recommendations to improve to Janie Brown, CCLBA.

5. New Business

a. Appoint Temporary Chair and Vice Chair to Serve Until Full Committee is Established

Ms. Morris nominated Ms. Gray to temporary chair. Mr. Sweet seconded. Ms. Gray accepted the nomination.

Ms. Gray nominated Mr. Sweet to temporary vice chair. Ms. Morris seconded. Mr. Sweet accepted the nomination.

Ms. Morris made the motion to accept the nominees of Ms. Gray for temporary chair and Mr. Sweet temporary vice chair. Dr. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried. In Favor: Gray, Morris, Sweet, Johnson. Opposed: None.

b. Review and Confirm the Structure of the Advisory Committee

Staff presented structure of 14 members (13 voting members including 1 youth and an alternate). Discussion regarding the outreach for youth was briefly discussed among the committee members. Further discussion regarding the structure of the Committee was tabled until next meeting.

c. Discuss Nominations and Selection Process for Remaining Seats on the Advisory Committee

Staff gave an overview of the materials provided including division of the neighborhood into quads to facilitate representation as well as highlight where Land Bank properties are located. Further discussion tabled until structure of the Advisory Committee finalized.

6. Citizen Comment

Hannah Frentz inquired (having just arrived) about recruitment of youth for the Advisory Committee. Ms. Trout-Edwards responded that she would be pursuing a connection with BCPS in order to reach youth. Ms. Gray suggested VOCES and other youth servicing organizations.

7. Board Member Comments & Announcements

None

8. Adjournment

Ms. Morris made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sweet seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm