

Melrose Women's Commission ("MWC")
Monday, June 17, 2024
Meeting held at the Melrose City Hall

Commissioners present: Karen Blackburn, Alli Goldberg, Elizabeth Reidy, Alicia McNeil
Absent - Lauren Knott, Jennie Wengrovius.

Meeting called to order at 7:16

Public Participation: None.

Motion to approve April Minutes: Unanimous vote to approve the. minutes the May 2024.

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business:

Conversation with the Mayor

Allie was able to secure the following dates from the Mayor for the Conversation.

Tuesday July 16, @ 7,

Tuesday July 16 @ 6, or

Wednesday July 31, @ 6

Once we confirm the date, Allie will check with the Mayor's Special Assistant so that she can confirm with the MMTV.

Will need to confirm questions, approve the final list and ensure the questions are okay.

Should come up with more questions so Mayor can choose. Also Mayor's communication person might have question(s) they want us to ask the Mayor.

Allie will email to confirm and get updates as to any last minute items we need to address.

Fall Event

- ❖ Karen will follow up with dates for the Senior Center. She will wait until after the special election to figure out the dates.
- ❖ Lauren sent out the spreadsheet to the Commissioners and Karen added names of individuals who we discussed previously.

- ❖ Alicia contacted the BU Black Women's Medical Group to see if they have a person that would be willing to speak and has not heard back.
- ❖ Deadline will be July 15 for us to gather all information so we can begin the planning process.
- ❖ Karen will take an informal vote whether want to meet during the summer. If so, we can meet on the July 15th (date, right before the Conversation with the Mayor).
- ❖ Questions for the this event will be based on the types of panelists we secure. We are looking for 3-5 panelist. One of the Commissioners will need to moderate, which we can decide later.
- ❖ We have money in our budget, so we can use it if we need to pay a moderate honorarium for speakers, and also for light snacks.

Vacancies

The City has completed the initial process of selecting individuals for our Commission, and will be moving 2 women forward to the next stage, which is to send the names to the Mayor. One person is Barbara Rotger, who attended a meeting in January.

Jenny will step down from the Commission for personal reasons. But she may be willing to come back once she resolves her personal issues.

If Jenny is unable to continue with the Fall event, Liz volunteered to take over coordinating the questions for the Conversation with the Mayor. Liz will reach out to Jenny.

We discussed advertising our events, and the conversation came up as to whether we are allowed to post on our own personal social media platforms. Karen will check to determine if we can. Karen suggested perhaps we can put information in the weekly postings the Mayor puts out, "The Week Ahead".

Although being taped by MMTV, This event will not be live. However, we should all be cognizant that we will be on camera, and there is a potential that the segment could be used by the Mayor or others. So, be prepared to be on camera!

New Business

Do we want to hold a meeting during the summer? Allie was for meeting in July to get the fall event finalize, or at least solidified. We agreed to meet July 15, 2024. During that meeting, we can finalize the Conversation with the Mayor, which will occur the following day.

Motion to Adjourn: All approved.

Adjournment: 7:37