

MINUTES – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

IRVING CONVENTION CENTER

Monday, August 12, 2024

Those in attendance were Committee Chair Colvin Gibson, Board Chair Richard Stewart, Jr., Yasir Arafat, and Cambria Jones – Committee members; David Cole – Board of Directors; Anabel Espinoza, Maura Gast, Brenda Lopez, Diana Pfaff, Susan Rose, Matt Tungett, and Monty White – ICVB staff.

Committee Chair Colvin Gibson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. There were no citizen comments.

STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMITTEE UPDATES

HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN PROGRAM

Nominations and Recommendations

- Pastor Robert D. Robinson – nomination form was reviewed by the Committee. Sr. Director of Marketing & Communications Monty White gave an overview of the affiliations and accomplishments provided by the nominator. Robinson is Pastor of New Beginning Worship Center. He is an active member of Parent-Teacher Organizations in the Irving Independent School District. Robinson is also a member of the Irving/Carrollton NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).
- Assistant Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Diana Pfaff verified that Robinson did not get paid for any of his volunteer work that has been submitted for the nomination.
- Executive Director Maura Gast verified with Irving/Carrollton NAACP president (and former High Spirited Citizen) Tony Grimes that Robinson resides in Irving. Gast also noted the church did begin in Irving, but it has relocated to Arlington.
- Gibson verified Robinson has been an Irving resident for approximately 25 years. Gibson also confirmed Robinson attends the Irving NAACP meetings routinely and believes Robinson was affiliated with another church in Irving.

Gibson asked for a motion to recommend nomination to the Board of Directors. On a motion from Committee member David Cole, and a second from Committee member Yasir Arafat, the motion unanimously was approved.

Recommendation will be added to the August 26 Board of Directors meeting agenda and the nomination form will be included in the Board packet.

Board Chair Richard Stewart, Jr. suggested that future nominations requiring additional information be sent back to nominator to complete. Cole agreed and added the person submitting a nomination should be asked to research instead of it falling on the Committee members and staff.

Arafat asked if documents could be uploaded online with the nomination form. White confirmed documents can be attached to the form online. Colvin reiterated the form may be submitted online or as a paper copy for anyone that finds it difficult to submit online.

ACTION ITEM: White will update the High-Spirited Citizen nomination application form and add language as to what information needs to be included when submitted.

With no further discussion, Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director