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# African American Cultural Center Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Expo Arts Center  
4321 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90807

## MEETING NOTES

### **Attendance:**

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

*Working Group Members:* Daysha Austin, District Director, California State Assembly; Monte B. Beard, Sr., Executive Committee Member, Long Beach NAACP; Stephan Bell, Mentor Member, 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.; Gerald Burford, Member, 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.; LaVerne Duncan, Executive Director, Andy Street Community Association; Sharon Mclucas, Owner, Forgotten Images; Sakkara Thomas, Founding President, Queens Historical Society, Inc.; Dr. Felton Williams, Board Member, Long Beach Unified School District; Dr. Leon Wood, Jr., President, Success in Challenges, Inc.

*Community Advisors:* Al Austin II, Eighth District Councilmember, City of Long Beach; Dr. Alex Norman, Professor Emeritus, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs; Ahmed Saafir; Administrator VP, 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc.; Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services, City of 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.; Joy Bailey-Bryant, Lord Cultural Resources (Virtually); Kathleen Brown, Lord Cultural Resources; Alvin Teng, Management Assistant, City of Long Beach

### **1. Introduction**

Councilmember Al Austin and Deputy City Manager Kevin Jackson gave opening remarks. Each Committee member and staff present introduced themselves and expressed their interest in this process.



## **2. Overview of Responsibilities**

Tracy Colunga, Director of Innovation, City of Long Beach, presented the draft of the Committee bylaws (See Attachment A). The draft was distributed in physical form and will be distributed in electronic form via e-mail. Committee members were asked to provide feedback on the bylaws by March 15.

## **3. Institutional Planning: Planning Overview and Case Studies**

Kathleen Brown, Lord Cultural Resources, presented to the Committee on the mission, planning, construction, and operations of African American Cultural Facilities of different sizes. She specifically highlighted the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, D.C., the August Wilson Center for African American Culture in Pittsburgh, PA, and the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) in San Francisco, CA.

The presentation can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2tQxLJs>

## **4. Community Outreach Strategy: Overview and Update**

Alan Burks, Environ Architecture, Inc. and Tasha W. Hunter, Wiggins Hunter Consulting, presented an overview of their Community Engagement Plan to the Committee. Community Engagement will consist of Community Roundtables, Focus Groups, Stakeholder Interviews, and other methods. Committee members were invited to provide feedback and suggestions. Committee members suggested that staff engage educational institutions and black businesses. Community Engagement updates will be provided monthly to the Committee.

Tasha W. Hunter invited every Committee member to the first Community Roundtable Meeting on March 7, 2019 at 5:30pm at LB Community Action Partnership, 117 W. Victoria St., Long Beach, CA 90805.

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## **5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **6. Committee Comments**

Sharon McLucas, Community Working Group Member, initiated a conversation on a financial entity to receive donations to the effort. This discussion was tabled to the next meeting on March 26, 2019. Erroll Parker, Co-Chair, requested that audio recordings and minutes be taken at the next meeting. The next Community Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

