



City of Madison Meeting Minutes - Final

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HUMANITARIAN AWARD COMMITTEE - REV DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

Monday, February 7, 2005

5:15

215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 130

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Ariel Ford, acting in capacity of the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Enis T. Ragland, Ariel Ford, Nia Enemuoh-Trammell and Diana L. Shinall

Absent: Sophia Angelina Estante and Michael W. T. Howe

Excused: Annette Miller and Angela R. Russell

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2004 MINUTES

Diana Shinall motioned to approve the minutes. Nia Enemuoh-Trammell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Amending Section 3.60(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to permit that the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award may be presented to non-City of Madison residents.

A motion was made Amending Section 3.60(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to permit that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award may be presented to Non- City residents.

The Committee held a brief discussion regarding the possible objection by some council members to non-City residents receiving the award and comments by other members that some candidates had to be rejected because they did not live in the City, even though the work that qualified them for the award was done in the City. There was also discussion about possible conflicts with Dane County's MLK award.

The Committee voted 3 to 1 in support of the amendment. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Miller, Russell, Estante and Howe

Aye: Ragland, Enemuoh-Trammell and Shinall

No: Ford

1. Debrief the 2004 MLKHAC process and make recommendations for 2005 process

- A. Revise question #3 of MLK nomination application to limit personal information.

Question number 3 on the nomination form reads:

Has your nominee had any special obstacles to overcome in order to achieve what s/he has accomplished?

Discussion ensued about the amount of personal and sensitive information included in some applications as a result of question 3 and the concern that the committee cannot guarantee the confidentiality of the information submitted. It was decided that the information requested in question 3 is valuable to the committee's deliberations.

It was agreed to by consensus, that question 3 should be kept, but that language should be added to inform people of our inability to preserve confidentiality with regard to sensitive and personal information that they might submit.

- B. Devise process to reduce competition between High School and Middle School students applications

There is a concern by some committee members that a process that allows middle and high school student applications to be judged against each other is unfair. After discussion, it was decided to eliminate middle school students from the process. It was felt that middle school students would not have sufficient life experiences to compete fairly with high school students and they would have ample opportunity to be considered for the award as they mature.

The committee decided to change the "Youth" (under 18) category to "Youth: (aged 16-18) and change the "Young Adult" (18 to 29) category to "Young Adult" (aged 19-29) .

The committee agreed to those changes by unanimous consent.

- C. Affirm and formalize selection and rating process

The committee members will individually rate all candidates in each age category using the existing process. The current process requires each nominee to be rated according to the answers to questions one through three. The rating scale is from 1 to 10, with 1 being a low score and 10 being a high score. Each committee member's top three scores in each age category will be presented. The scores will be tabulated and the individuals in each age category with the highest scores will be the award winner.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

Ariel Ford motioned for adjournment. Diana Shinall seconded. Motion was passed unianimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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