

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: September 6, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Horizon Foundation, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 200, Columbia, MD

Attendees:

Charles Davis

John Dean

Carole Fisher

Willie Flowers

Kimberley Flowers

Charles Franklin

Hiruy Hadgu

Laura Johnson

Jennifer Jones

Peter Spann

George Waites

President's Report

- There was discussion about having the Executive Committee meeting on a new day since many groups already meet on Wednesday and people were having conflicts.
- There was a motion to change the meeting time to the second Monday of the month. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
- The President made a motion to appoint Jennifer Jones as Secretary going forward following the resignations of Erika Carruth and Susan Defibaugh.
 - The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor of motion.

Fall/Winter Programming

- The Horizon Foundation is receiving proposals on ways to promote healthy lifestyles. This includes reducing sugary drink consumption, improving school lunches, advocating for a safer walking and biking system and finding ways to make participation in sports more affordable.
 - If you would like to work on preparing a grant proposal for Horizon please contact the President.
- The Howard Hughes Corporation will be the guest speaker at the general membership meeting on September 28th. They will discuss TIF (tax increment financing) and upcoming development.

- We discussed preliminary planning for the First Annual King Unity 5K Walk & Run. President submitted a draft race budget and projected revenue.

Committee Reports

- Housing Committee - The committee has developed the Getting Ahead program which helps people become home owners. The committee is looking for partners for this 12-16 week program.
- Education Committee - The committee is developing a progress report to highlight the state of education in HoCo. The report will focus on a set of key indicators. They are also developing a Resource Guide for parents and will hold an open house. The date is TBD.
- Community Engagement - The committee in partnership with Horizon and AACR is hosting an advocacy training to identify organizers that can help with voter registration and other community engagement events leading up to the 2018 elections. The goal is to increase voter turnout in low performing precincts.

Upcoming Events

Local Advocacy Training - September 9

Harriet Tubman Day - September 16

NAACP General Membership Meeting- September 28

Elder Empowerment Forum - September 30