

**NAACP Howard County  
General Meeting  
Minutes**

Date: October 26, 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Ridgely Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Rd, Jessup 20794

President's Report

- There will be an Annual Giving Kickoff to raise funds at the end of the year. Fundraising is a priority.
- MLK Unity 5K Race
  - Title sponsors are Bith Energy and Prism. Also talking to YMCA
  - The event will be Sat, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. Location: 6940 Columbia Gateway Drive
- There was a motion to approve the meeting agenda by Willie Flowers. The motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor of motion.

Secretary's Report

- There was a motion by Kim Flowers to approve the minutes from the September general meeting. The motion was seconded by Becca Niburg. All voted in favor of motion.

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was distributed.

Housing Committee

- The purpose of the committee is to advocate for fair housing.
- Looking for new members.
- Working with housing commission to work on
  - Getting Ahead Program
  - Family Self Sufficiency Program
- Home buying seminar will be held Dec. 2nd. The seminar will include info on finding a lender, credit repair and other issues.
- Kim Flowers will provide a flyer to help market seminar.

Youth Work Committee

- Will be hosting Youth Advocacy Training Program at the Nov 30<sup>th</sup> branch meeting
  - Students will develop an action plan
  - Looking for students in grades 6-10.

### Youth Council

- Events attended
  - Volunteered at Harriet Tubman Day event
  - Education forum at Long Reach High School
- State Conference
  - A member is receiving Youth Leadership Award
- Save the Date - Annual Feed the Homeless – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm
  - Accepting donations – monetary or gift cards (McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King)
- The next youth council meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at 6pm.

### ACT-SO

- Kickoff was at Oakland Mills School
  - Approximately 30 people attended, 9 completed application
- Attended booth at 50+ Expo – 3 applications
- College & Career Fair – 9 completed applications
- If you know anyone in grades 9-12 with a talent contact Annie Foster
- Need judges, mentors and monetary donations.

### Armed Forces/Veteran's

- Held workshop at State Conference on Veteran's Rights

### Percentage Plus

Goal is to register voters in low turnout precincts and get out the vote.

### Guest Speaker

- Cynthia Fikes – Redistricting: Collaborative Community Plan
- 8800 students need to be moved to address overcrowding
- The Collaborative Community Plan (CCP2), has been produced by a large number of communities working together across Howard County. <https://unitedforhocoschools.org/ccp2>
  - CCP2 emphasizes new school build models, limited redistricting, a variation on open enrollment with transportation, process improvements, and full day Pre-K programs.
  - Limited redistricting addresses the current crisis situation. For example, per CCP2, Howard High goes from 136.8% to 113.7%.