



Meeting Notice

Governance Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 19, 2016

5:30pm
SDC Board Room
1730 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 5206

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please Abra Fortson @ 414-906-2720.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of the April 19, 2016 meeting agenda Action
5. Approval of March 15, 2016 meeting minutes Action
6. 2016 District Election Update Action
 - Approval of district election results Action
 - Legal Memo Re: Future SDC election processes Action
7. New Business Information
8. Old Business Information
 - Board & Committee attendance report Information
9. Adjourn Action

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March 15, 2016 5:30p
4041 N. Richards Street – SDC Board Room

Present: Sara Van Winkle (Chair), Alma Ramirez, Stephanie Findley & Jason Fields

Excused Absence: Jim Sullivan

Legal Counsel: James Hall

Call to order

Committee Chair Van Winkle called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. A quorum was established.

Compliance with Open Meetings Law

It was confirmed by Abra Fortson that the meeting was in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law.

Adoption of the March 15, 2016 Agenda

A motion was made by Jason Fields to accept the March 16, 2016 agenda. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Findley. The motion carried.

Approval of January 15th 2016 Meeting Minutes

(Feb. 2, 2016 did not occur and was cancelled due to in climate weather)

Jason Fields made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2016. Stephanie Fields 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

Town Hall "Listen Session" Update

The Policy Report was given by Policy Manager Diane Robinson. Ms. Robinson reported the following:

- **Listening Sessions will occur on a quarterly basis**
- **Research and comments being compiled at all levels**
- **In process of institutional redesign**

- Attendee Mr. James Brown (former SDC Area Council Member) very informative
- Focus on the system instead of the color
- Empower the mind – the poor cannot help the poor



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Community Dialog:

- Reenact the Area Council format-pulse of the political/Economic process;
- Organize and engage community in the process

- Advocate & Inform (Impacting research)

- Mobilize and activate

- Need a community plan that engages the individuals & families;

- Must empower the mind to change;

- Advocacy for the homeless;

- Program description to be disseminated in the communities, offices helping those in poverty , other organizations and neighborhoods

- Create bulletin boards at other organizations to have updates on SDC

- Discriminatory practices;
- Advocate for fair housing;

- City needs to improve working with families to keep their homes;

- Create a smoother transition for Prison re-entry; more of a relaxed process;
- Communicating all service areas; Information outlets;

- Advocating for fair housing ;

- School system no longer allows children to be children, teaching them how to settle differences.

- No tolerance creates the pathways to the prison system;

- Education system breakdown-parents are not held accountable;



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- WE NEED POSITIVE RECOGNITION – becoming our own Media source;
- Take the time to transition to advocacy;
- Rebrand SDC – *inclusiveness; from being viewed as a black agency;*
- Need a hub for resources-resources should be designed to create a pathway out of poverty
- Ms. Robinson also noted that she was working on securing a firm date for symposium speaker Dr. Joy Degruy.

District Election Update

Attorney Hall provided background on the previous board structure which included the Area Council. There was discussion on how SDC should create a virtual council similarly.

Stephanie Findley suggested that SDC consider providing an online streaming option to board members.

SDC Executive Support Manager, Abra Fortson outlined the 2016 Election process. Committee Chair Van Winkle instructed that Attorney Hall produce a memo advising how to streamline the process and improve efficiencies and cost effectiveness in 2019.

Stephanie Findley reminded the committee to be sure to attend Community Brainstorming to get the word out about the upcoming election.

District Term Restructuring

It was determined that this process will be retooled for discussion way prior to the 2019 election. Chair Van Winkle asked that it be explored in a meaningful intentional way.

New Business

SDC CEO George P. Hinton introduced Quality Manager Ofelia Mondragon as the new guard of quality and planning.



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CEO Hinton reported feedback given from potential funders received during meetings with Susie Stein.

- Committee Members Encouraged that SDC:
- Use other local news sources such as Riverwest Currents
- Neighborhood News Service
- Bloggers
- Move away from traditional media sources
- Tell our own story

Mr. Hinton reported that he's been invited to speak at one of the SDF Board members churches and Greater New Birth Church

Old Business –
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Findley. The Motion carried.