

MINUTES

Douglass Community Center Advisory Board

Thursday, May 9, 2019

5:45 p.m. – 901 Yuma Street – Douglass Center Annex

Committee Members Present: Ms. Deb Nuss, Chair, Ms. Connie Birdsong, Mr. Don Glaspie, and Mr. Blane Hope.

Douglass Center: David Baker, Director

Absent: Mr. Kevin Bryant, and Mr. Stanley Hoerman.

Guests: Chief Dennis Butler, and Officer Ryan Doehling.

MINUTES

Ms. Nuss called the meeting to order. Ms. Nuss noted the minutes needed to be amended to reflect that Ms. Nuss asked for a motion that a recommendation be given to the City Commissioners by the Douglass Center Advisory Board. It was moved by Ms. Birdsong, seconded by Mr. Glaspie, to approve the minutes as amended of the meeting held on March 21, 2019. On 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Officer Doehling congratulated the Board on the passing for the new Activity Center. Discussion that speeding has picked up in the area and the need for a traffic study once the new building is built. Officer Doehling indicated the cycling patrol will pick up now that the weather is warmer and they will go back to using social media for notifications.

Chief Butler shared his plan for a more diverse police force, more input from employees (team approach), and address under funding and adding additional positions on the force to better serve the community. There are currently positions open in the force that need filled.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Baker thanked everyone for their support and the achievements made this year.

Roof leaked in the renovated bathrooms at the Douglass Center. The roof will be completely replaced and contractor will return to fix the damage on the inside.

The Douglass Center will host Everybody Counts again this year in August.

There will be at least one vacancy on the board for the next term.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Douglass Center Advisory will convene September 12, 2019. The committee agreed to be available for an emergency meeting if deemed necessary. The review of the by-laws will be on the September agenda.

Meeting adjourned.