



Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2022 in-person and Google Meets – 5 pm

Members Present: Michael Glanz, Linda Barnes, Kayla Babers, Heidi Huiskamp-Collins, Aimee Bland, Dr. Monica Smith, Ted Pappas, Dennis Pauley, Moses Robinson, James Jones

Members Absent: Jessey Hullon

Staff Present: Jerry Jones, Rebecca Arnold, Carlos Jimenez, LaToya Trice, Kristia LeShoure

- I. **Call to Order:** by Michael Glanz at 5:00 pm
- II. **Public Comment:** None present for public comment. Board viewed slideshow of summer youth activities.
- III. **Director's Report:**
 - A. West End Initiative: Jerry Jones presented information on the work of the West End Initiative and proposed the King Center serving as the backbone support for the initiative. The presentation provided the role, impact and goals as the backbone. Members asked questions about King Center capacity to take on this role to clarify the collective impact process. MLK staff recognize that while initially the organization can accommodate this role as it will expand the roles and professional development of staff, eventually additional staff with specific skill sets and experience will be needed.

Motion to authorize the MLK Center to serve in a backbone role for the West End Initiative by Ted and seconded by Heidi. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. STEAM Lab: Jerry proposed a contractual agreement between the Martin Luther King Center and Samuel McCullum to operate the STEAM lab once completed. The agreement will require Mr. McCullum to pay a market rate lease, to provide services to MLK youth for free or at a negotiated cost and to train/develop selected participants and members of staff to facilitate these lessons and on proper use and care of the equipment. The agreement will allow Mr. McCullum to continue his business operations with other clients at the King Center. The contract length will be one-year.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a one-year contract with Sam McCullum of STEAM on Wheels by Moses Robinson. Seconded by Aimee Bland. Motion passes unanimously.



- C. Endowment: The Board considered the options of a foundation, utilization of a community foundation and a board managed endowment fund. Support for the board managed endowment was expressed by several members. Staff will explore this option in more detail while ensuring that all establishment documents clearly delineate the separation of the MLK non-profit from the City of Rock Island to best ensure that donor intent can be honored in perpetuity.

IV. **Finance Committee Report**

Linda Barnes reported to the board MLK finance status via a balance sheet, two-comparison report and cash balances for the first quarter of 2022. Motion to accept the financial report by Heidi. Second by James. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. **Meeting Minutes:** Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from March 2022 with no changes.

- VI. **Comments:** Jerry informed the Board that the Birdies campaign has raised approximately \$70,000 thus far.

Aimee Bland suggested that in the case of multiple topics being considered on the board agenda that more time be allotted to allow for careful consideration and discussion.

- VII. **Adjourn:** at 6:21 pm