



Thursday, May 5, 2022  
Bolton Avenue Community Center  
Alexandria, Louisiana

## Minutes

### Members Present:

Booker Booze  
June Johnson Davis  
Tommy Milo  
Amarjit Pillarisetti  
Michael D. Wynne

### Guests Present:

Alex Felter  
Darren Green  
Alicia Grayson  
Breyahna Williams  
Shane Williams

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Pillarisetti. Secretary Wynne conducted meditation. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the March 21, 2022, meeting was approved.
- Chairperson Pillarisetti reported on the outcome of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandria City Council meeting that she and Secretary Wynne attended. At this meeting, the purchase of the land for the new Civil Rights Park was approved by the city council. Mr. Shane Williams reported that due diligence would be followed on the purchasing process which includes a title search. This process may take 5 or 6 weeks.
- Chairperson Pillarisetti indicated that the Commission must obtain public input on the design process through a series of public meetings. Mr. Green suggested of offering designs to be viewed by the Alexandria citizens based on other civil rights parks look like in the South. Commissioner Davis indicated that it was important to have the citizen's input on what design is eventually selected.

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- Secretary Wynne said that this process cannot start until the deed is formally signed for the transfer of ownership. He also indicated that transparency is tantamount to success of this project. There was much conversation about the process. Chairperson Pillarisetti indicated that we should come up with a plan of action at the next (June) meeting.
- Regarding the March awards' banquet, all agreed it was a success. The timing was right and there was a great turnout.
- Meeting adjourned. Next commission meeting is June 2nd.

Michael D. Wynne  
Secretary

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