

**Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Annie C. Merts Center**

Call to Order: A non-public meeting of the DAC was held at the Annie C. Merts Center on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Chairperson Keith Poe called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Members of the DAC in attendance were Laura Lemley, Keith Poe, Millie Steber, Florence Nadine Owens, Vinny Argentina, Lonette Jenkins-Bell, Sam Barnes, Kimberly Flint, Julian Parker, Angela Curry, and Savitha Venkatesh

A quorum of the DAC was established at this meeting

The purpose of the meeting was the first monthly meeting of the 2017-2018 DAC.

The new DAC members were introduced and the continuing DAC members introduced themselves to the new members.

For the benefit of the new members, Keith Poe led a discussion of the history of the DAC and how the DAC has endeavored to represent the community.

Mr. Poe shared plans increased marketing and outreach this year and hopes for the committee to be reinvigorated by the new members. The committee also discussed the challenges the DAC faces in encouraging feedback from the community.

Mr. Poe gave an update on what to expect during the DAC training from 8:45 a.m. -noon on Saturday, August 26. Breakfast will be provided.

The upcoming selection of officers will include a chair and co-chair, a communications officer, a secretary and sub-committee chairs for each of the sections of the Consent Order. Ms. Jenkins-Bell indicated she thought there should be a parliamentarian as well.

Tentative dates for the Fall Public Meeting of the DAC were discussed. Mr. Poe will contact HCS about the availability of October 16 or 17.

DAC members were encouraged to attend part or all of Judge Haikala's September 6 Public Status Meeting on the Desegregation Consent Order. Mr. Poe will see if the judge can meet with the DAC the evening after the public meeting.

Members discussed holding the district meetings at elementary schools this year instead of high schools. They also discussed the best ways to spread the word about the public meetings, what we do, and the DAC email address and website. Members brought up

rebranding and utilizing other means of marketing and Keith said we could possibly utilize the PR firm provided by HCS. Students recommended more effective ways to reach high school students and their teachers, including peer meetings and social media

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lemley
DAC member