

Mayor's Interfaith Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 30, 2017
10:00 AM – 12 Noon
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 509

Present:

- Dr. Keith Byrd, Sr. (Chair)
- Dr. Sidney D. Fowler (Co-Chair)
- Thomas Bowen (MORA Director)
- Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Commissioner
- Minister Darrell Smith-Bey, Commissioner
- Imam Talib Shareef, Commissioner
- Rev. Susan Taylor, Commissioner
- Dr. Christine Wiley, Commissioner
- Rev. Dwayne Johnson, Commissioner
- Rev. James Coleman, Commissioner
- Darren Sakai, LDS Church
- Fazia Deen, Dar Al Hijrah
- Pastor Gabriel Sobarzo, Create Church
- Desmond MacNamara, Create Church
- Wendy Pohlhaus, U.S. Attorney's Office of DC
- Monica Veney, U.S. Attorney's Office of DC
- Yilya Wilson, MOCA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am and prayer was conducted by Dir. Thomas Bowen

Director Bowen mentioned DC Commission on Arts and Humanities is offering grant money for youth programs i.e. music and arts ministry. Director Bowen talked about the 2017 State of the District and invited the council out. Director Bowen talked about the issue behind DC Missing Girls and the MIC talked about creating ideas for safe spaces for DC Runaways. Director Bowen talked about DC Values and the Budget Engagement Forum.

Pastor Gabriel Sobarzo mentioned his interest in the MIC hosting an Immigration Law Professional Mixer/Conference

Commissioner Wiley discussed the importance of putting together a training program on how to handle people with special needs

Dr. Byrd mentioned his interested Faith Festival which will include a weeklong of activities. There was discussion around location, who should preach, who should perform.

Pastor Gabriel Sobarzo gave the closing prayer.