

# YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES April 4, 2017

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Russell Gilbert, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Moses Freeman, Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Ken Smith. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett and Administrative Support Specialist Kristen Booker.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Signal Centers: Donna McConnico (Chief Executive Officer) Elizabeth Cotellese (Baby University Director) and Sonya Khan (Baby University Case Worker); Miracle Field: John Germ (Chairman); Mike McGaully (Chairman of Fidelity Trust Company)

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Anderson**, seconded by Councilman Grohn, the minutes of the last meeting (April 5, 2016) were approved as published.

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## **Signal Centers Presentation**

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Ms. McConnico and Ms. Cotellese gave a presentation that included information on the following:

- New Programs
- Fatherhood Initiative
- Outcomes Data (from the last 18 months)
- Teen Parents
- Recent Accomplishments
- Baby University Birth Outcome Percentages

After the presentation, Ms. McConnico and Ms. Cotellese responded to comments from the Council. During which, Ms. McConnico agreed to let the Council know the number of babies that have made it to one year of age in the program.

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## **Public Hearing on Miracle Field**

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A public hearing ensued on Resolution VII(c). Mr. Germ and Mr. McGaully spoke on "Miracle Field" and what they hope to accomplish with it. Councilman Gilbert opened the floor to anyone who wanted to speak on Miracle Field lease agreement. Upon no comments from members of the public, the hearing was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.