



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
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SUBJECT:

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Minutes:

KATHERINE DUNCAN, President of the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, stated their goal is to develop the economy and create jobs in Ward 5. She would have hoped that the Moulin Rouge would have been the catalyst that would have created those jobs. She asked for a partnership between the Urban Chamber of Commerce and the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) to build a Black history museum in the west side to create a gathering place for the neighborhood, create a concrete representation of the history of all people of Las Vegas, create a place where all races could gather without feeling intimidated, and be a center of atonement to break the generational impact of slavery. The museum should be located in the historic west side to continue the sense of pride the residents feel.

She introduced JEREMIAH GIBBINS, who recently returned to his historic west side after graduating from the University of Southern California (USC). MR. GIBBINS presented each of the members a chip commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the Moulin Rouge. She asked that the members display the chip in a prominent place and not gamble on MR. GIBBINS' future.

CHAIRMAN GOODMAN commented that at the last Centennial Committee board meeting discussion was held regarding the elementary school on the west side where he suggested exploring the possibility of using the elementary school as a museum. He suggested MS. DUNCAN follow through with the Centennial Committee and invited her make a presentation at their next meeting. MS. DUNCAN thanked the Chairman and stated that the historic west side school is a very important structure.

MEMBER ROSS verified with MS. DUNCAN that other metropolitan cities have Black history museums, and the impact they have on tourism. Given the amount of religious tourism in the west side, this could be a nice relationship.

MEMBER BARLOW stated that conversation regarding a Black history museum have been taking place for a long time. MS. WALKER has had numerous conversations regarding the expansion of her museum but unfortunately her museum was broken into and many artifacts were stolen. He wants to continue to work together to find a suitable location. MS. DUNCAN stated her father was a proud Negro man and she lived in a Black neighborhood rich with African/American culture. When MS. WALKER named her building the African/American

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Cultural Center, many Blacks did not understand their African roots or African heritage, and were unable to embrace her development. Now that there is a better understanding of who they are as a people, they can enjoy the African/American Culture at a Black history museum. MS. DUNCAN added that she is working with MS. WALKER to further develop her project.

MR.GIBBINS indicated he majored in Mechanical Engineering from USC and during the five years he attended the university, he saw major improvements in the downtown area around USC. Coming back with that knowledge and seeing the improvements with his own eyes, as well as what he learned, he believes a Black history museum would be perfect for West Las Vegas. It will be a great opportunity to make big changes.

MEMBER WOLFSON stated he is familiar with the area mentioned by MR. GIBBINS, and the things being done are phenomenal. He would like to see those things happen in West Las Vegas.

