



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

MARIE HERNDON, COUNCIL MEMBER (Position 3)

October 22, 2013

I attended the Democratic Club Fund Raiser where local democrats, students, and supporters were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community. The Honorable Ted Lyon, Jr., Former State Senator was the guest speaker who not only discussed legislative issues, but also urged those in attendance to always vote and get others registered and to the polls to vote.



Hon. Ted Lyon, Jr.



Councilman Randall & Patricia Barbour



Aerie Walker & Ben Tibbs



Patricia Barbour, Ben Tibbs & Jarrick Brown



Roy Malonson & Judge Miriam Jackson

The Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) marked the start of the Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference with our largest annual fund raiser, "The 10th Annual T. J. Patterson Golf Tournament" at Barton Creek Resort. Thus far, without all proceeds having been counted, \$65,000 has been raised toward college scholarships. As president of TABCCM, I thank all who supported this extremely worthwhile effort.



Golfers about to begin the tournament



Marie Herndon, T.J. Patterson, Sr., & Frank Moss, Past Pres. TABCCM



Golfers Mayor Wolfe, & David Aguilar (Allied Waste)

The TML conference was fully underway on October 9, with sessions on *Quality of Life: Fall in Love with Your City*, *Human Resources: Managing Your City's Best Asset*, *Professional Development: Unleashing Your Skills*, *Technology: Tools for Tomorrow's Cities*, *"City Showcase: How Did They Do That?"*, and *Grab Bag: We've Got That Too*.

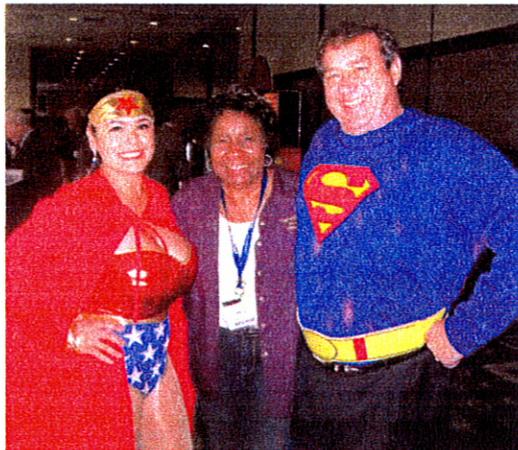
I attended the presentations on “*Why Settle for the Balcony*” *How to Get a Front Row Seat in Life*. This presentation addressed how not to settle for mediocrity for our cities or the persons we represent. Take control and practice being more assertive.

Another session I attended highlighted Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor of Avondale, Arizona and President, National League of Cities. Mayor Rogers shared her poor, but humble beginnings; coupled with persistence and hard work and how she was able to rise above her circumstances and disadvantages. Therefore, we, as elected officials, should be prepared to always work hard and help our cities rise above wherever the present status. We should remain poised to help our cities grow while focusing on the quality of life of all citizens.

At the TABCCM session, from Dr. Michael Adams, Professor of Political Science (Texas Southern University) provided information on how we can gain strength and growth for our cities by forming coalitions. Empower ourselves to do more and be more effective to and for our constituents by joining with other organized groups of elected officials with the same or similar agenda.

Additionally, officers for available positions on the TABCCM Executive Board were elected. Though, not present, Councilman Brian Rowland had reportedly consented to serve as Treasurer. There were no further nominations; he was elected as TABCCM Treasurer.

The next session I attended was titled “Smallville: The Making of Community and Superheroes”.



Community Super Heroes, “Wonder Woman and Superman” & Council Woman, Marie Herndon.

This session focused on how we, elected officials, perceive our communities and ourselves—progressing or digressing. We are perceived by most as having special powers, and possessing secret identities but must always show we are genuinely caring and making a difference. Some may even think we come from another planet while always trying to do what is right with conviction and commitment as we fight the villains of our communities (i.e., fear monger, tomorrow, big money, so-so). We must help to insure that our communities remain communities of hope by measuring our regional economic growth, and maintaining a vision that includes what the community wants and why. Keep residents informed and educated as to how our shared vision is being achieved.

On Thursday, October 17, I attended the Apartment Owners meeting at City Hall. Ms Denise Simmons, from Prairie View University, was guest speaker. She explained discipline expectations of students while on or off

campus. She further shared suggestions how we can better work together to insure acceptable behavior from students who reside in our respective off-campus apartments.

On Monday, October 21, along with Mayor Jackson, I attended the weekly University Safety Committee Meeting on campus. Homecoming activities were discussed as well as how we may plan to improve positive behavior from students while insuring the safety of all attending homecoming festivities. It was noted that almost all negative incidents that occurred during homecoming were the result of non-students and individuals who were visitors on campus and in our community.

Citizens are reminded that October is *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* and early detection and education are the best ways to end this disease that affects both women and men. Take a loved one to the doctor.

BREAST CANCER'S MAJOR RISK FACTORS

Age: The older you are, the greater your risk for breast cancer.	Alcohol: Drinking alcohol – in any form – raises breast cancer risk.
Weight: Carrying excess body fat increases risk for post-menopausal breast cancer.	Inactivity: A sedentary lifestyle makes post-menopausal breast cancer more likely.
Family History: Inheriting BRCA-1 or other "cancer genes" does increase risk, but these inherited genetic factors are responsible for only about 5 to 10 percent of all breast cancers.	Breast feeding: If you give birth, breastfeeding your baby lowers your risk of both pre- and post-menopausal breast cancers. Learn more about breastfeeding and cancer



Please pray for the Hulen Davis family as we share their grief at the passing of Hulen Davis this morning (10/22/13).

Prairie View's road to becoming a model city IS under construction. Together, working cooperatively, we can complete, maintain, and improve it.

**Marie Herndon, Prairie View City Council
Position 3**

NOTE: Attached is my *Post Conference Attendance Report*.

CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

Post Conference Attendance Report Form

NAME (Please print.) Marie Herndon

CONFERENCE/MEETING/SEMINAR TITLE

Texas Municipal League Annual Conference (2013)

DATE and LOCATION OF EVENT: October 8-11, 2013; Austin, TX Convention Center

OBJECTIVE(S) FOR ATTENDING THIS EVENT: To improve and increase my ability, and access to resources, to better and more efficiently serve the residents of Prairie View first; and, second, the residents of Waller County.

BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE INFORMATION YOU OBTAINED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT:-

Thru networking and attending educational sessions, I acquired information that will assist me to explore unexplored avenues and to improve and enhance my efforts to be of service in my city and county. While, I do listen to the wants and needs of citizens, I shall strive even harder to do that. I shall try to form coalitions between and among neighborhoods by increasing and improving communication; and by being more inclusive of residents in establishing city policies.

HOW HAS THIS INFORMATION BEEN COMMUNICATED TO OTHERS IN THE CITY? _____

Through this written report and my actions and efforts. I try to always have an open line of communication with residents.

HOW DO YOU INTEGRATE THIS INFORMATION INTO YOUR CITY-WORK ACTIVITIES? _____

By fusing the networking opportunities and information I received with my day-to-day efforts to serve citizens. A more secure connection with the desires and needs of residents is a goal.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS Each City of Prairie View council member attended this conference at a cost of approximately \$811.60 plus per diem@ \$75/day per council member.

ATTENDEE SIGNATURE Marie Herndon DATE 10/15/2013

Texas Municipal League

TML * 1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400 * Austin, TX 78754-5128 * Phone (512) 231-7400

Meeting Confirmation

Order#: 76949

Marie Herndon

Council Member

Prairie View

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Prairie View, TX 77446-0817

TML 101st Annual Conference

Tuesday, 10/08/2013 through Friday, 10/11/2013

Austin Convention Center

Austin, TX

You are registered for the following:

Function	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Member Registration With Online Discount	1	275.00	275.00
Thursday TML Risk Pools' Breakfast	1	0.00	0.00
Thursday Delegate Luncheon	1	35.00	35.00
Friday Delegates Luncheon	1	35.00	35.00
Friday Women in Government Breakfast	1	25.00	25.00
Total:			370.00
Payment:			370.00
Balance:			0.00