



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION

May 28, 2025

Meeting began at 6:07pm

Attendance:

Commission Members (in-person unless noted): Angel Thornsby, Aniah Fountain (Zoom), Julie Roberts (Zoom), Gloria Howell, Brittany King

Staff: Michelle Moss

Associates and Guests: Dan Enslow

Introductions: Welcome Brittany to the Commission!

Approval of Minutes: Quorum was not reached.

Staff Liaison Report: Bracelet making supplies are here and ready to go for the Juneteenth event on the 13th of June! There is currently \$5,286.15 in the budget.

Old Business:

1. Juneteenth activities:
 - a. Michelle will bring name tags and some information about the Commission to the event.
 - i. If a Commission wants a tshirt, please email Michelle your size as soon as possible.
 - b. Shifts:
 - i. 1:30pm-4:00pm- Gloria
 - ii. 4:00pm-6:30pm- Angel at 4:30pm, Brittany at 4:30pm
 - iii. Aniah will let us know what she can do closer to the date
 - c. Beading supplies for bracelets
 - d. Black inventors/Black excellence handouts
 - i. Aniah developed a great interactive activity about Black inventors for the Juneteenth event. It ties into the bead supplies to make bracelets!
 - ii. Aniah has also obtained a substantial list of Black inventors that we can reference during the event as well.
 - iii. Julie suggested we laminate the sheets for the activity and have several copies on hand.
 - e. Book lists
2. Community Choir: follow-up
 - a. Gloria talked to Dr. Wise, he currently doesn't have a marketing/promotions employee.
 - b. At this moment, Gloria said that Dr. Wise likely cannot commit to this.
 - c. Dr. Wise could work with something with the African American Choral Ensemble, but Gloria recommends getting on the calendar now (their 50th Anniversary is approaching).

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- d. Gloria also brought up an idea of a Women Ensemble from the Choral Ensemble.
- e. Gloria suggests 2 employees from IU Jacobs school to perform during the MLK Jr annual event. Gloria is going to start this conversation with both of them.

New Business:

- 1. Updating contact information for MLK Commissioners
 - a. Michelle sent out the current contact information to be shared with the rest of the Commission, please let Michelle know if there are updates that are needed.
- 2. Date for July meeting
 - a. Michelle will be out during the end of July during our usual meeting time.
 - b. Gloria said that we can afford to not meet in July.
 - c. The Commission will not be meeting.

Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners): Dan thanked the group for the planning work.

NAACP Update: They will meet on June 2nd and will also be at the Juneteenth event. Just wrapped up getting confirmation for scholarships.

Commission on the Status of Black Males Update: James was not in attendance.

Announcements: Neal-Marshall will have a Juneteenth celebration. Gloria will send the flyer for the June 13th Juneteenth celebration out to the Commission.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- June 25th- 6-7pm, City Hall Kelly Conference Room (RM #155)
- July - cancelled
- August 27th- 6-7pm, City Hall Kelly Conference Room (RM #155)

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