



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION

March 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mar. 25, 2026, 6:00 P.M. Bloomington City Hall, 401 North Morton Street –
City Hall Allison Conference Room (RM #225)

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Agenda

1. Introductions / Call to Order (meeting began 6:02 P.M.)
 - Present: Julie Roberts, Brittany Talissa King, Dr. Gloria Howell (chair), James Sanders (vice chair, virtual attendance)
 - Absent: Latonya Wilson (absent due to illness)
2. Approval of October-December 2025 Minutes
 - Julie Roberts moved to Approve November 2025 & December 2025 minutes. Gloria Howell seconded. Meetings minutes were both approved.
3. Staff Liaison Report – Aubrey Seader
 - Aubrey gave a revenue and expense report for the 2026 MLK Birthday Celebration Event.
 - Julie asked why we used more reserve funds for this event than we have in past years. Aubrey pointed out that we received \$4,000.00 less in sponsorship funding this year while expenses remained similar to those of the 2025 event. Aubrey recommended seeking out new avenues of financial support for next year's event.
4. 2026 Planning
 - a. Review Commission's Mission and Values.
 - The commissioner's reviewed the duties and powers of the commission as stated in its charter.
 - The commission included 3 Priority Areas for 2026 to guide our 2026 goal-setting. The priorities follow CFRD's own priority areas of Partnerships, Resources, and Belonging.

- b. Review City Policies for Boards & Commissions
 - c. Review our 2025 Goals & Set 2026 Goals
 - The commissioners decided to abandon a majority of the goals from the 2024 Annual Report, and to refocus their efforts on the following goals:
 - Honor the 60 Women of the Movement from 2026's annual MLK event by featuring them in a social media post series for Remembrance Day. This series would roll out throughout the month of April.
 - Host 1-2 community events outside of the annual MLK Birthday Celebration event.
 - Turn our attention away from the "One Community Curriculum" and instead support the Monroe County NAACP's Freedom Schools program. Specifically, the commission wants to create original, educational resources about Dr. King's 6 Principles of Nonviolence and how we can apply these lessons in real life scenarios.
 - Start the planning and producing of 6 Community Conversations to dissect and discuss the 6 Principles of Nonviolence. Each event will focus on a historic example of the use of one of the Principles of Nonviolence in a different world culture. The series will highlight the universality of the principles and their effectiveness in international movements for peace, justice, and equality.
 - d. Review our Budget & Fundraising Plan
 - e. Decide on Programming
 - i. Review "Important Dates" sheet to avoid overlapping with popular community events.
 - We did not get to picking dates for these programs, as discussion of the MLK 2026 Event took up a lot of our time.
 - f. Brainstorm Potential Community Partners
 - Potential community partners mentioned during the meeting include Monroe County NAACP, Neal Marshall Black Cultural Center, Black Humanities in the Midwest, and Resilience Productions.
 - g. Sub-Committees
5. MLK 2026 Event Feedback
- Commissioners voiced their concerns and confusion about various City of Bloomington policies which influenced the MLK Birthday Celebration event and will influence future programming. Aubrey attempted to clear up some of this confusion.
 - Two commissioners agreed they want to speak to CFRD Director Shatoyia Moss about their concerns. Aubrey agreed to set up a time for them to meet with her.
6. Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners)
- No public comment
7. NAACP and Commission on the Status of Black Males Updates
- No time for updates
8. Announcements
- No time for announcements
9. Adjournment – 7:32 P.M.

Upcoming Commission Meeting Dates

- April 22nd- 6-7pm, City Hall Allison Conference Room (RM #225)
- May 27th- 6-7pm, City Hall Allison Conference Room (RM #225)

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
James Sanders	Common Council	2/1/2026	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Brittany King	Mayor	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Julie Roberts	NAACP	2/1/2025	2/1/2024 to 1/31/2027
Gloria Howell	Mayor	-	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Latonya Wilson	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Vacant	Mayor	-	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
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