



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

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

The meeting began at 5:07p.m. via Zoom call

Commission Members: Gloria Howell, Malik McCluskey, Treon McClendon, James Sanders, Gloria Howell, Jessica Davis

Associates and Guests: None

Staff: Michael Shermis

Approval of Minutes: Commissioners reviewed the previous meeting minutes via email. Jess moved to accept the minutes as written and Gloria seconded. All approved.

Staff Liaison Report:

It is unknown whether the December meeting will be via Zoom only or a hybrid meeting with a requirement for minimum in-person attendance. Michael will let the Commission know as soon as possible. If in-person meetings begin, meetings will be able to happen in City Hall even if it's not open.

Old Business:

MLK Celebration

- Michael is developing the program for the MLK celebration. Jacob School of Music is going to perform, but is disappointed that we cannot pay IU because it's not a business. We will have an approximately \$250 cost for floor rental.
- Highland students will sing from the mezzanine (4-5 songs as people stream in).

2022 Fund Development

- Best fundraising year ever, with several major underwriters. Michael thinks the personalized appeal letters were helpful. He projects we will raise about \$10,000.

MLK "One Community" Curriculum

- We received feedback from Dr. Markay Winston at MCCSC regarding some updates they would like to see before commitment to the curriculum. Jess and Michael will work on completing these. There is concern about this project's timeline and completing volunteer training, etc., by MLK Day.

New Business:

- The commission is looking for Legacy Award nominees, which would be voted on at next meeting.
 - o Lifetime contribution to the work of equity/diversity
 - o Treon has a nominee he will send to Michael.
- Setting the December meeting: The main business will be voting on the legacy award winner.
 - o December 14 ,5-6pm will be the meeting. Zoom or hybrid status TBA.

Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners):

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- o Pauly from Thriving Connections joined to hear more about the planned celebration to help Thriving Connections decide how they would like to celebrate MLD Day. Michael gave a brief description of the 6-8pm celebration with Eddie Cole as speaker, music, dance, and food. He also mentioned that we will have educational components in the schools, and that we will not be funding service projects this year but will generate excitement for service opportunities throughout the community.

NAACP Update:

- o Dec. 7 at 6:30 the NAACP will host holiday gathering, open invitation. It is a free event at the FAR Center. (Gloria)

Commission on the Status of Black Males Update:

- o Planning Black male youth summit and partnership with Fairview Elementary school. (James)

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

December 14th, 2021 5-6pm