



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

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

The meeting began at 4:35pm

Commission Members: Marcus Debro, Dennis Laffoon, James Sanders, Reggie Johnson, David Hummons, and Nicole Griffin

Associates: Dan Enslow and Debra Vance

Guests: Rafi Hasan

Staff: Michael Shermis

Approval of Minutes:

Dennis made a motion to approve the May minutes, James seconded, all approved.

Staff Liaison Report:

Michael shared that the sponsorship for the MCCSC event with Derrick Greenfield is not necessary. However, the commission will all be invited to attend the event.

Old Business:

2018 Celebration Planning: Michael shared that Rev. Harold Middlebrook is available to speak at the 2018 Celebration and that his price is reasonable. Michael also asked if there is any concern that he will preach more than speak. James thinks that this should not be a concern. Marcus asked Michael to move forward with securing him as our 2018 speaker.

New Business:

Rafi Hasan, Safe and Civil City Program Director, shared Dr. King's 6 Principles of Nonviolence and asked the commission to consider partnering with him on using these principles to educate members of the campus and the community about the process of activism. Commission members are open to working together with Rafi and discussed potential ways in which we can begin this collaboration. Marcus asked for a motion indicating that we will partner with Rafi on this project. Dennis made a motion, Nicole seconded, all approved. We will wait to hear from Rafi regarding next steps.

Liaison Reports:

Commission on the Status of Black Males: No report

Monroe County Branch of NAACP: No report



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Announcements:

- Dan Enslow shared that they need to do some more forward planning before we plan a meeting for the “Dialogs on Race” program.
- Marcus shared that the Lunch Shaming Policy will be reworked by the superintendent. If anyone has any ideas of how to address this policy better, please contact Dr. Judy DeMuth.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm