



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

Wednesday April 25, 2019

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Gloria Howell, James Sanders, Donte Miller, Dianne Shewmaker

Associates and Emeritus: Debra Vance and David Hummons

Staff: Michael Shermis

Commission Chair James Sanders called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

James introduced our newest commissioner, Donte Miller, a California native and Ph.D. student in Higher Education and Student Affairs at IU.

Approval of Minutes: The April meeting minutes were approved and seconded (Dianne and Donte, respectively) as provided. All in favor.

Staff Liaison Report: Michael is soliciting suggestions/articles for the newsletter that is distributed each month.

Old Business:

2020 MLK B-Day Celebration Speaker Selection:

- A list of potential speakers was distributed to the Commission. New potential speakers added to the list include: Lisa McNair, Angela Rye, and Maureen Walker.
- Other potential speakers who were mentioned: Dr. Khalil Muhammad (former IU Professor and current Harvard University professor), Dr. Quentin Wheeler-Bell (current IU professor), and Andrea Sterling (PhD candidate at IU), Dr. Melina Abdullah (co-founder Black Lives Matter in Los Angeles and faculty member at California State Los Angeles).
- Michael will update the list with links to information about speakers and send to the commissioners.

New Business:

Changing Meeting Time

- Currently, we meet the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm.
- It was moved and seconded (Dianne and Donte, respectively) that the meetings be moved to 5:00pm on the same day. All in favor.

Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners): Debra announced that the Bloomington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be hosting its Evening of Jazz on this Saturday, April 27 at Deer Park Manor. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Debra has tickets available.

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NAACP Update: Dianne announced the NAACP meeting, which will be tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30pm. The meetings take place every 4th Thursday at 6:30pm at Second Baptist Church.

Commission on the Status of Black Males Update: James provided updates from the Commission on the Status of Black Males. The Commission hosted a Barbershop Initiative at Second Baptist Church. 25 people received health screenings. The mayor, different health officials, and barbers were present. It was a very well attended event.

Announcements:

Marcus noted that he attended the Be More Awards, and complimented Michael and the rest of CFRD on the event and how wonderful it was for the community.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 22, 2019, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)

June 26, 2019, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)

July 24, 2019, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)