



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

**Wednesday May 24, 2017**

The meeting began at 4:30pm, with introductions.

**Commission Members:** Marcus Debro, Nicole Griffin, David Hummons, Lily Kleinlein, Dennis Laffoon, James Sanders

**Associates:** Dan Enslow, Debra Vance

**Approval of Minutes:** Nicole made a motion to approve the April minutes, Dennis seconded, all approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Marcus reminded us of what Michael was working on last month: possible funding sources for the day of service, speaker availability (Stanley Madison has not replied about his availability or cost, Reverend Harold Middlebrook ((who marched with Dr King)) is available and his fees are \$2500). Michael can send out his list of possible speakers with the links for bios, videos, etc... Dan suggested Kamau Bell, who has local ties.

**Old Business:**

**2018 Celebration Planning:** Mary brought up the idea that we consider a performance/artist this year instead of a keynote speaker. Marcus said that we talked last month about keeping the evening's format the same as last year because it was so successful.

**New Business:**

**Sponsorship of Derek Greenfield Event:** Marcus mentioned the possibility of us sponsoring an evening event or community forum with Derek Greenfield, after a day of working with MCCSC on implicit bias, inclusivity, etc.... The date would be sometime in the first week of August (7-8). Price for an evening event on the 7<sup>th</sup> would be \$2500 and Beverly Calender Anderson said that we could contribute up to \$1,000 from CFRD. Michael said that the price may be negotiable. Nicole suggested we could use the atrium in City Hall so that people could park for free in a central location. Lily suggested he lead a workshop/presentation rather than simply a "reception." David said the type of workshop he leads would be difficult for a group of 60+ people. We would like to move forward but need to decide on logistics, location, and agenda. Debra said that his daytime workshops will take place at Ivy Tech. Mary made a motion that we sponsor an evening event with Derek Greenfield in conjunction with his visit to MCCSC. Dennis seconded. All approved.

**Liaison Reports:**

**A. Commission on the Status of Black Males:** James shared that the Barbershop Health Screenings attracted 18 people. They would like to grow the program. Marcus suggested that they contact VIM to partner. They are also discussing how to be more involved regarding the current "food shaming" issue at MCCSC and other schools, where children who have not paid their lunch accounts are not provided the same meals as other students. We discussed the ways that hunger is an issue in the schools.

**B. Monroe Country Branch of NAACP:** No announcements.

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**Announcements:**

- Dan Enslow brought a letter about a program the Baha'i community is thinking of hosting: "Dialogs on Race" based on the training video "Racial Taboo Planning Manual." [www.racialtaboo.com](http://www.racialtaboo.com) He would like to involve the commission on development of this concept. They are in need of funding to screen the video in town. Will share more information about an upcoming planning meeting when it is available.
- Lily will not be at the next meeting (June 28) so she asked someone to come prepared to take minutes.
- Marcus will not be at the July meeting. Mary could lead the meeting in his absence.
- We discussed possibly skipping one of the summer months for our meetings.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

June 28, 4:30-5:30

July 26, 4:30-5:30

August 23, 4:30-5:30