



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

**McCloskey Conference Room #135, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

The meeting began at 5:04 p.m.

Commission Members: Gloria Howell, James Sanders, Dianne Shewmaker, Treon McClendon (on phone)

Associates: Dan Enslow

Guest: Nicole Quinbo – IU Media School

Staff: Michael Shermis

Approval of Minutes: It was moved and properly seconded (Dianne and Gloria, respectively) that the January 22 meeting minutes be approved.

Staff Liaison Report: Michael provided his report which featured old business item, the MLK 2020 Service Project update. Michael stated that he was waiting on final reports for three of the twelve entities that received funding. He persuaded a couple of the organizations to provide more in-kind contribution, which may help increase funding next year.

New Business:

- A. MLK Remembrance Day – Film and Discussion
- Thursday, April 9 at 5:30pm at the Monroe County Public Library (April 4 was not available).
 - Food: It was moved and properly seconded (Gloria and Dianne, respectively) that we allocate \$250 for the costs of assorted pizzas and water for the event.
 - James will send a link with the library offerings in terms of film choices. Upon receiving the link, commissioners need to make recommendations via email no later than next Wednesday, March 4.
- B. MLK 2021 Speaker Selection
- Michael presented an additional speaker to the list – Yusef Salaam of the Central Park 5. James wants to add Nikki Giovanni to the list as well. Michael will update the listing for everyone to review and research. Commissioners need to bring recommendations to the next meeting.
 - James and Gloria suggested not singing “We Shall Overcome” at future events.

Public Comment: None



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NAACP Update:

- Dianne mentioned that the chapter will meet in April and possibly the summer.

Commission on the Status of Black Males Update:

- James mentioned that the Commission will present four awards during the Black History Month Gala on Saturday.

Announcements:

- Gloria announced that on April 14 at 6 p.m., there will be an Environmental Social Justice Speaker event featuring Ms. Denise Abdul-Rahman and co-sponsored by the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, the IU chapter of the NAACP, and Integrated Program for the Environment.
- Dianne asks that everyone check out the *Herald Times* review on Gladys DeVane's event this past weekend.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 25, 2020 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)

April 22, 2020 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)

May 27, 2020 5:00-6:00 p.m. (McCloskey)