



## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Wednesday August 26, 2020

The meeting began at 5:03 p.m. via Zoom call

**Commission Members:** Gloria Howell, David Hummons, Lily Kleinlein, James Sanders, Dianne Shewmaker

**Associates and Guests:** Dan Enslow, Michael Shermis

**Approval of Minutes:** Gloria moved to approve the July 22 minutes as written, Lily seconded. All approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Michael received an email from City Clerk Nicole Bolden, saying the office is putting a priority on filling open commission vacancies and they are working on updating the website.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. **2021 MLK Speaker Selection:** Michael shared that negotiations/contract are complete (\$4,000 for keynote, \$1000 for Mobile Museum, \$500 for travel/daily expenses *OR* \$3,000 if the event is virtual). The Speaker's Bureau is insisting that the MLK Day Proclamation include something about the mobile museum. The contract is with CFRD to sign and return. Right now plans are moving forward for a live event, but Michael will be exploring alternate plans.

#### **New Business:**

- A. **Fall Event:** Michael said the contract is signed, CFRD is paying the city for the use of the park, and as it gets closer he will work on purchasing snacks. He is going to reach out to Peter from Ryder about marketing and social media. Gloria asked that at the next meeting we brainstorm the format of the event, timing, and what topics the roundtable discussions will take on. Together we came up with a list of several potential facilitators, but other names could be shared over email before the next meeting: Beverly Calender-Anderson, Shatoyia Moss (although we decided that Beverly and Shatoyia may prefer to attend as an observer), Jim Sims, Gloria Howell, Donté Miller, Brian Richardson, Monica Johnson, Rory James, Taurean Douglas, Maqube Reese, Jennifer Crossley, and Nicole Bolden. Gloria and James are drafting an email to send to these potential facilitators, and with an RSVP we discussed asking each facilitator to invite their own network of friends and colleagues to attend. Gloria noted, and others agreed, that we should all make an effort to watch the *Black Power Mixtape* before the next meeting so that we can create talking points and better acquaint ourselves with the film. The date for the event is Saturday, October 24 at 2pm.
- B. **Service Project Funding:** Michael said he is in the process of confirming potential funding, probably the same amount and parameters as last year. It is looking likely but hasn't been determined for sure yet.
- C. **Setting November (18?)/December (2?) Meeting:** Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we need to change the date of those monthly meetings. Michael shared potential options and explained what we would need to cover at each one. We decided to hold meetings on November 18 and December 2 to finalize event plans and service project funding awards.

**Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners):** Dan shared a website of the Cleveland Area Bahá'í on Healing Racism:

<https://neohbahai.org/healing-racism>

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**NAACP Update:** None

**Commission on the Status of Black Males Update:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

September 23, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (TBD: Zoom/McCloskey)

October 28, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (TBD: Zoom/McCloskey)

November 18, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (TBD: Zoom/McCloskey)

December 2, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (TBD: Zoom/McCloskey)

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