



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

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

**Wednesday December 9, 2020**

The meeting began at 4:35 p.m. via Zoom

**Commission Members:** Gloria Howell, Lily Kleinlein, James Sanders, Dianne Shewmaker, Treon McClendon

**Associates:** David Hummons

**Staff:** Michael Shermis

**Approval of Minutes:** Dianne moved to approve the November minutes as written, Lily seconded. All approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Michael reminded us that the Commission should hold 2021 elections in December. Two commissioners (Lily and James) need to reapply, by January 15 at the latest, to stay on. City Council has not approved any new members to fill the open seats, but Jess Davis from Montessori School put in an application. She contacted Michael to ask about whether we would do presentations for 40 Days of Peace via Zoom (specifically requested Gloria because she did such a great job with the students last year.) She mentioned that she would like to be more involved with the Commission and later applied.

**Old Business:**

**A. Service Project Funding:**

- ~\$2750 is the amount of dollars applicants are eligible for.
- Discussion of applicants:
  - Monroe County Youth Council: \$250
  - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Tau Omega Chapter: \$250
  - My Sister's Closet: \$1000
  - RISE Transitional Housing Program with Middle Way House: \$250
  - Noah's Ark: virtual events, dialogue post-MLK Speaker: \$500
  - Monroe County Community Orchard: \$320
  - Total: \$2570
- It was moved and properly seconded (Dianne and Treon respectively) that the amount of \$2750 for six service projects be approved.

**B. Legacy Award**

- Bill and Debra Vance, Sadio Kone, and Marvin Jones, Jr. were the nominees.
- Upon a vote by the Commission, Marvin was named the awardee.
- James will touch base with Marvin about next steps

**C. MLK Celebration**

- There was discussion of the MLK Celebration program and its components. Michael is going to be meeting with our speaker about MLK Day logistics.
- Program participants was reviewed.
- Marketing – Poster includes event information and zoom link. Michael will distribute.

**City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission**

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- The post-event discussion will begin 15 minutes after the main event. Attendees must rsvp. Each commissioner can send the names of five individuals to invite to Michael. Roberta Radovich will facilitate the dialogue.

**New Business:** Elections

- It was moved and properly seconded (Dianne and Treon, respectively) that we adopt the same slate with Chair James Sanders, Vice Chair Gloria Howell, and Secretary Lily Kleinlein.

**NAACP Update:**

- Next meeting likely to be on January 4.

**Commission on the Status of Black Males Update:**

- The Commission is working on the Black Male Summit and participating in the Diversity Toy Drive hosted by the Black Graduate Student Association.

**Announcements:**

- The proposed December meeting time conflicts with the CSBM meeting, so we will meet at 4:30-5:30 on Wednesday, December 9.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 27, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

February 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Zoom)