



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

**Tuesday May 25, 2021**

The meeting began at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom call, with introductions.

**Commission Members:** Jess Davis, Gloria Howell, Lily Kleinlein, Tréon McClendon, Malik McCluskey, James Sanders,

**Associates and Guests:** David Hummons

**Staff:** Michelle Moss, Michael Shermis

**Approval of Minutes:** Jess made a motion to approve the April minutes as written, Malik seconded. All approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Michael shared that in-person meetings would not meet within City Hall until at least the fall. We will continue to meet on Zoom in the meantime.

**Old Business:**

- A. Black History 101 Mobile Museum/Khalid el-Hakim:** Michael reminded commissioners that a decision still needs to be made regarding which groups to invite to the mobile museum (8 groups of 20), as well as who should be invited to the dinner with Dr. el-Hakim outside of staff and commission members. For the dinner, James suggested Roberta Radovitch. Regarding the tour groups, Jess suggested MCCSC and that we find out the appropriate age group and can narrow down school groups from there. Michael noted that he expects MCCSC will want to choose who goes, we will likely just give them a number. Lily asked if the City or local social justice groups may want to be included, or if they would be better suited for the general walk-thru on Saturday. Gloria will help choose IU students from NMBCC. Michael clarified that while Commission members are welcome to observe in any tour, and the public will be welcome on Saturday, that the weekday tours are designed to be a cohesive and interactive tour. He will move forward with inviting a mix of student groups. Gloria said that NMBCC would be giving \$1,000 and she still plans to reach out to other departments at IU.
- B. Eddie Cole:** Michael updated that the contract should be back within the week. He is going to speak with Dr. Cole tomorrow to talk about a theme and to discuss the possibilities for how the time in Bloomington could be spent.

**New Business:**

- A. Curriculum Development:** Jess shared that she is working on the curriculum but needs to know if there is funding for resources and storage space for the materials. Michael said that there is space to store some resources, but the funding for such resources would be up to the commission to vote on after a proposal is submitted. Jess said she could work with any budget but thinks that \$100-200 would be plenty to get started with, utilizing some donated materials, used resources, and being creative with the plans. Michael clarified that since it is a City commission, any purchasing would need to go through an approved vendor with a purchase order so that when she is ready to purchase resources she will need to reach out to him.

**Public Comments (non-MLK Commissioners):**

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

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**NAACP Update:** No updates shared.

**Commission on the Status of Black Males Update:** James announced that they will be helping with the Juneteenth Celebration. The Black Male Youth Summit went well in April and the commission is focusing now on Million Father March (supporting schools on the first day of school) and an upcoming discussion group.

**Announcements:**

- James and Gloria announced the upcoming Juneteenth celebration on June 19 at Switchyard Park. Food, games, socially distanced gathering from 3:30-6:00pm. They are searching for volunteers, and community involvement. Malik asked if we have any marketing materials to advertise that we are a part of the community/active in social justice, and to help publicize our work. Michael said he does have some brochures and could send the materials. Gloria said they could be at the info/welcome desk.
- James announced that he, Tréon, and Malik will be on the Future Policing Taskforce in Bloomington.
- Michael shared that the Nonprofit Alliance held a breakfast on the topic of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, led by Shatoyia Moss. There were 5x more people than usual in attendance, including community members outside of the nonprofit world. There is potential to have another event like this again, related to race and diversity representation in the workplace. Michael said it seemed that the nonprofit world has a lot of interest in improving representation from diverse populations but are unsure how to get there.
- James announced an upcoming Lotus event called “They Still Want to Kill Us,” on the Tulsa Race Massacre, and that it will be available all summer (info went out in an email).

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

June 22, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

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

August 31, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Zoom)