



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

**Tuesday, August 24, 2020**

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

**Commission Members:** Malik McCluskey, James Sanders, Dianne Shewmaker, Jess Davis, Trèon McClendon

**Associates and Guests:** Dan Enslow, David Hummons, Commissioner Emeritus

**Staff:** Michael Shermis, Sufiyan Ahmed (Intern), Michelle Moss (Intern)

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioners reviewed the previous meeting minutes via email. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes from July, Jess seconded. All approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:**

We do not yet know when in-person commission meetings will resume. Michael will keep the Commission posted as more is decided. November is likely the earliest in-person meetings would resume.

**Old Business:**

- Black History 101 Mobile Museum
  - There are four session registration pages currently active. One for IU includes 5 different programs and an “other” option. It has been out for a week, yet zero people are currently scheduled for the 80 allotted slots.
    - Michael and Sufiyan will be working to connect with people at IU to encourage registration.
    - Trèon will also help disseminate information to some individuals at IU who could connect to student groups and encourage them to register.
  - Bloomington United sent out a registration 2 days ago, with about a dozen registrants so far.
  - MCCSC groups are currently registering and will likely fill their available spots.
  - Harmony won’t begin school (or register) until September 1.
  - When we know for sure how many session slots might remain available after this wave of registration, we can see who else we could offer registration.
    - The Commission discussed what would be an appropriate deadline for current registration opportunities before offering them to someone else. Michael will give current invitees one week to sign up, which would be a deadline of September 2. The first day of the event is September 9.
  - WFIU would like to interview a commissioner about the mobile museum event. James will be the spokesperson for the interview.
  - Michael reviewed the schedule of the event and hopes that there are commissioners at each session. James suggests Michael send out a schedule for commissioners and asks commissioners to send their availability to Michael by September 2.
- Dr. Eddie Cole

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- Michael reported that this is finalized. The contract is signed, and the publicity materials have been received.
- MLK Service Project
  - The logistics of the service projects were challenging last year. The time invested for the amount of funds received, and the time necessary to disseminate and manage the funds, were very challenging. Michael will keep the Commission posted on whether this project remains feasible.
    - James asks what the solution would be to these challenges. Michael says the only real possibility would be connection to larger funding.
  - Curriculum Development
    - Jess has developed four lesson plans for ages K-8 and is working on materials and resources.
      - Michael suggested that she add more lessons targeted for grades 5-8, as these were the groups most interested in the past.

**New Business:**

- James asks about the guidelines for receiving grant funding, and Michael and he will discuss this outside of the meeting. James was approached by an interested funder.

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

- David asked for more information about the possible grant funder that James mentioned.
- Dan expresses gratitude for the Commission's work.

**NAACP Update:**

- Next meeting September 7 (first Tuesday of the month) via Zoom.
- Gloria and Dianne are on the banquet committee and that event may be changed to a virtual "Freedom Fund" event (October 30). The banquet may happen in April. Ticket prices for the October event have been reduced. A keynote speaker is being determined.

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

- Working on an Adopt-a-School relationship with Fairview and completed a welcome event for the beginning of the school year.
- Planning April, 2022 Black Male Youth Summit.
  - Potential speakers will be invited to submit proposals.

**Announcements:**

- Black y Brown Arts Festival will be September 18, 2021, 2-4 p.m., at Switchyard Park.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.



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**Upcoming Meetings:**

September 28, 5pm via Zoom

October 26, 2021 via Zoom

November 23, 2021, in person/Zoom tbd

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