

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2020**

Caroline Harper	Bert Hash, Jr.	Hunter Craig	Yolanda Sonnier
Daniel Nairn	Diane Martin	Yetta Roggerson	Heidi Tilkens
Tracey Williams	Kimberly McCauley	Bonnie Sorak	Shoshanah Hornum
Clarita Dawson	Maurice Frazier	Teresa Garcia	Tina Horn

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Minutes and Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The December Agenda was amended for this meeting and approved by consensus to add discussion with Terry Diggs from the IT Department. • The November Minutes were approved by general consensus. 	
State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda stated that two commissioners are pending council confirmation; Dr. Dawson and Brett Vess. Testimony from both prospective commissioners were already provided before council. Additionally, three commissioners are pending appointment and resolutions will be filed for approval by council; those were recommended by MLK commissioners already; Maurice Frazier, Shoshanah Hornum and Chalise Latimer. • Yolanda questioned the commissioners as to whose term expires soon. 	
Technology Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Diggs from DTCS discussed the MoveIt platform for accessing documents. • Yolanda advised that panelists must login to WebEx meetings with the same e-mail address that the invitation was sent to initially. • Tracey explained that we will be holding our MLK Holiday celebration virtually and need an adequate platform so that many participants may join the celebration. • Terry suggested we set up an Event through WebEx and stream the event through Facebook or YouTube, so that it may be seen broadly. • Terry suggested we post a copy of program on our website. • Tracey questioned whether Terry would be recording our performers/commissioners and 	

	<p>have space for us to record performers/commissioners live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry proffered that we do have Telepresence services which can record events. • Yolanda questioned if we should pre-record then do we have the ability to stream what we have pre-recorded on WebEx for it to play on a set time on the Sunday, so we do not actually have to be present. Terry confirmed that is correct. 	
Essay & Poster Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane reported that 26 essays were submitted; 20 from middle school students and 6 from high school students. This committee will be meeting again on 12/09/2020 and the essays will be reviewed and scored. 	
Living the Dream Chair, Yetta Roggeron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta reported that we only have one entry for the LTD award. Yetta hopes to have another nomination by the end of the week. The winner will be decided by next Wednesday. • Yolanda provided additional details regarding the nominee for the individual award, Ani Begay Auld. • Tracey mentioned to Yetta and Teresa that they should contact John Sarbanes office, as it is their tradition to contribute an award to the same awardees the commission selects. 	
Oratory Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel reported that this commission will be meeting again next Wednesday, 12/09/20 to score the submissions and will have the results of the contest afterwards. 	
Program Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey reports that there are several performers prepared to perform, however, the performers need specific information about how performances are being set up, social distancing information, etc. Tracey reported there is a cellist, two poets, slam poets, and dance groups. Tracey is also still looking for a singer and reaching out to a jazz ensemble. Tracey reports that the goal is to have a multi-cultural performance. • Yolanda reported that both HCC and the Rouse Theatre will not be available as venues to pre-record performances. Yolanda reported that the alternatively, the Howard Conservancy is willing to host our performers for free for videotaping between 9-3 p.m. and we will need to provide a specific date. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi suggested that performers can pre-record performances at home and then e-mail the videos to be included in our celebration. • Yolanda suggested that we still try to have performers come to be pre-recorded and follow social distance guidelines. • Tracey mentioned that she and Tina will compile a list with schedules for everyone's performances. • Commissioners discussed possible dates for venue usage as December 12, 19, and 29, 2020 from 9-3 p.m. Bert made a motion to pre-record performances on December 29 and Tina seconded the motion. • Hunter mentioned that the Food Drive will not conclude until January 13, so he will not be able to announce a winner for the competition. • Tracey proposed an option of having a virtual program book. Tracey will send a copy of an example to other commissioners. 	
<p>Reception Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report as program will occur virtually. 	
<p>Day of Service Committee</p> <p>Bert, Chair Kurt, Vice Chair</p> <p>Hunter, Special Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert reported that the Maryland Food Bank has approved a Pop-Up Pantry to occur at Ridgely Run Community Center in Jessup, MD on December 18, 2020; 250 packages of food should be distributed that day. • Bert is working to plan other Pop-Up Pantries on the day of Service or the Saturday before, plans are still being finalized. Bert reported we are partnering with the Indian Cultural Association and Jewish Federation. • Bert also reported we will have flu and COVID-19 testing tents available on the Day of Service. • Hunter reported that currently five Howard County High Schools will be participating in the food drive competition this year, so far. • Hunter reported that the food drive competition will begin next Monday and end January 13, 2021. • Bert reported that Kimberly has contacted 7 or 8 grocery stores and confirmed they will participate in contribution of food. We are still awaiting responses from 3 or 4 	

	more grocery stores.	
Publicity Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina reports that once plans are finalized, fliers will be distributed, and social media posts can commence. 	
Logistics Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert mentioned Kurt has been in contact with Indian Cultural Association to try and confirm dates and an e-mail was recently sent. • Tracey mentioned that Bert and Kurt should work with she and Tina on coordinating a schedule for the program. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa mentioned the possibility of creating an Eventbrite so that we may advertise this event and put a program up on the site and invite attendees to Day of Service as well. • Yolanda mentioned that we can make an Eventbrite post for this holiday celebration and the Day of Service. Tracey also believes Eventbrite is a great idea. • Tina mentioned she has GoToMeeting technology and the ability to record and download and share videos with only certain individuals. Tina mentioned that this would allow for hosting of several individual videos. • Tracey questioned the possibility of having several organizations partner with us to do a video or panel discussion about social justice health or need to improve health system and how it impacts people differently based on race. • Yolanda responded to Tracey and mentioned the video or panel discussion may be a possibility, granted we have a commissioner on each panel or event. • Bonnie mentioned that she would like to partner with Tracey for the possible panel discussion event. • Bonnie, Yolanda, and Tina discussed promoting the MLK Holiday celebration event via the Ball Bulletin, Next Door Neighbor App., and trying to find other ways to publicize the event. Tina mentioned she can work on the Ball Report and reach out to county council members. Bonnie also mentioned that reaching out to each CA village would be a good idea. Tracey mentioned that Kimberly McCauley 	

	<p>volunteered to write our report regarding the grocery stores for the Ball Bulletin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta mentioned that we may be able to reach out to Dr. Clarita Dawson whom may have other resources to help with health panel. • Yolanda mentioned that Tracey's suggestion of viewing the movie Thirteen may be able to take place in February, if we cannot in January. • Tracey requested T-shirt company suggestions from the commissioners and Nightmare Graphics was recommended. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned for December 2, 2020 at 7:55 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: January 6, 2021