



**District of Columbia Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Meeting Minutes
200 I Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
January 13, 2014**

Participants:

Commission Members: Cynthia Brock-Smith, Chairman, Earl Fowlkes, Charles Hicks, Douglass Sloan, Judith Terra. Ex Officio Members: Jamila Felton, Clarence Fluker, Stephen Glaude, Crispus Gordon, Burnell Holland, Dexter Nutall, Monica Palacio, Lionell Thomas
Guest: Darryl Gorman, Director, Office of Boards & Commissions
Staff: Sharon Anderson

General Discussion: Chairman Secretary Brock-Smith called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM and thanked Judith Terra and Lionell Thomas for the Commission on the Arts and Humanities hosting the meeting.

Introductions

It was determined that a quorum was present. Commission members introduced themselves and described their areas of interest.

Minutes for January 7, 2014

- Notes from the January 7, 2014 conference call were reviewed.
- The spelling of Commissioner Douglass Sloan's name was corrected.
- Meeting notes were approved as amended.

Ideas for Dr. King Event

- Chairman Brock-Smith briefly described previous Martin Luther King Jr. ceremonies which included *Living the Dream* awards for community organizations and individuals.
- Commissioner Thomas expressed the need to keep the focus on connecting contemporaries with the legacy of Dr. King.
- Commissioner Palacio emphasized the importance of tying in with schools and reaching out to young people.
- For Black History Month it was suggested to highlight Dr. King's involvement with Home Rule during a march in 1965.

Discussion of Commission Structure

Chairman Brock-Smith highlighted previous committees: Education, Communications, Program Planning, and Corporate Development.
Additional committee idea: Awards

It was noted that members of the public who are not Commission members may be recruited to work on Committees.

The Commission does not have a budget. They can raise funds to support their activities.

Meeting Schedule for 2014

The Commission agreed to monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Next Meeting

The Commission will meet, Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the Commission on Arts and Humanities, 200 I Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003. Topics will include the organization of the Commission, ideas for programs and events, and Open Meeting Requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Corrected version approved: February 5, 2014