



**District of Columbia Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Meeting Minutes
200 I Street SE Washington, DC 20003
October 1, 2014**

Participants:

Commission Members: Chairman Cynthia Brock-Smith, Denise Rolark Barnes, Clarence Fluker, Stephanie Franklin (representing Monica Palacio), Charles Hicks, Burnell Holland, Aaron Jones, Lee Brian Reba, Douglass Sloan.

Staff: Sharon Anderson, Office of the Secretary

Call to Order

- Chairman Cynthia Brock-Smith called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

Review Minutes – September 3, 2014

- Minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Program Planning Committee Report

- Three program activities for January 2015 were presented and discussed:
 - 1) Oratory event with the theme “What Self-Determination for the District of Columbia Means to Me.” This may be done in conjunction with the Commission on the 40th Anniversary of Home Rule.
 - 2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Ward 8, and
 - 3) Day of Service – “We Feed Our People”
- **Action Item:** The Commission approved all three activities for consideration and identified the project leads for each:
 - 1) Oratory – Lionell Thomas, Burnell Holland
 - 2) Parade – Denise Rolark Barnes, Charles Hicks, Kendrick Selassie
 - 3) Day of Service – Lionell Thomas, Aaron Jones
- **Action Item:** The project leads need to determine scope of the project, extent of participation by the Commission, and projected costs, if any (to occur during the month of October). This information needs to be presented at the next Program Planning Committee meeting.

Development Committee

- **Action Item:** Commissioner Lee Brian Reba will resend spread sheet to collect information on potential donors who can contribute funds or in-kind support (such as food and beverage, printing, etc.). This information can be used for the January 2015 celebration and going forward.

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New Business

- Commission membership – Mayor's Order 2013-243 indicates that there can be up to 15 private citizen members. Currently, there are 10. Commissioners are encouraged to identify potential new members. To increase the Commission's diversity, it was suggested to broaden the involvement of women and other ethnicities.
- Logo – Commission Lee Brian Reba will circulate the previously used logo for the Commission to consider.
- Commissioners agreed to continue meeting at the current location.
- NAACP and US Department of Labor are working on a job portal; once available, information will be shared with Commissioners who are asked to share with their networks.

Next Meeting

The Commission will meet November 5, 2014 to plan outreach for program activities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.