



**District of Columbia Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Meeting Minutes
200 I Street SE Washington, DC 20003
November 5, 2014**

Participants:

Commission Members: Chairman Sharon D. Anderson, Denise Rolark Barnes, Robert Brannum, Earl Fowlkes, Charles Hicks, Burnell Holland, Monica Palacio, Lee Brian Reba

Call to Order

- Chairman Sharon Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM. She recognized the contribution of the previous chairman, Cynthia Brock-Smith, and noted that Ms. Brock-Smith is no longer with the District Government.

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- Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken.

Program Planning Committee Report

- The Commission on the Arts & Humanities will take a lead on the oratory contest. Commissioner Burnell Holland will work with their designated staff person. Mr. Holland reported that he had talked with the Social Studies lead at DC Public Schools about connecting this effort with Common Core and incorporating into U.S. history courses. Arts & Humanities will take the lead on locating a venue and selecting a date (Targeting the week of January 12, 2015).
- Regarding the Day of Service, Commissioner Aaron Jones will be connected with a representative from the D.C. Armory to see if We Feed Our People can use it as the base of their operations on January 19th.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk and Parade – Commissioner Denise Rolark Barnes noted that several commissioners are involved in the planning work group. They hope to have confirmation from the District's Special Events Task Force before the next meeting. In addition to commissioners participating in the parade, they would welcome the Commission using its social media to help advertise the event.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Next Meeting

The Commission will hold a conference call on **December 3, 2014 at 1:00 PM.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.