



District of Columbia Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Conference Call Minutes September 3, 2014

Participants:

Commission Members: Chairman Cynthia Brock-Smith, Robert Brannum, Jamila Felton, Clarence Fluker, Earl Fowlkes, Crispus Gordon, Chuck Hicks, Burnell Holland, Cedric Jennings, Aaron Jones, Monica Palacio, Lee Brian Reba, Kendrick Brown Selassie, Douglass Sloan, Judith Terra, Lionell Thomas

Staff: Sharon Anderson, Office of the Secretary

Call to Order

- Chairman Cynthia Brock-Smith called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
- She thanked the Commissioners for agreeing to change to a conference call in order to facilitate more participation.
- She recognized two new members to the Commission: Robert Brannum and Kendrick Brown Selassie.

Review Minutes – July and August Meetings

- The minutes for the July 2, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.
- The minutes for the August 6, 2014 conference call were approved.
- Chairman Brock-Smith thanked Commissioners Judith Terra and Lionell Thomas for the work done by the Commission on the Arts & Humanities to produce the Bayard Rustin/James Baldwin event on August 18. Acknowledgements were also extended to Commissioner Denise Rolark Barnes as the moderator and Chairman Brock-Smith as a panelist.

January 2015 Event(s)

- Commissioners brainstormed ideas and identified several focus areas for 2015:
 - ✓ An educational event which targets schools and young adults
 - ✓ Day of Service activities through Serve DC and We Feed Our People
 - ✓ The MLK Parade with the intention of it being a citywide event
 - ✓ Opportunities to partner with other organizations working in the spirit of Dr. King
- The Program Planning Committee will meet next week to vet these ideas further and will present their recommendations at the October Commission meeting.

New Business

No new business was identified.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.