

Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia
Emancipation Day Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019

Time: 3:00PM

Location: Via conference call, Phone Number: (203) 480-8311; Passcode: 3043011

Re: Emancipation Day Status

Attendees: Deputy Secretary Julia Hudson, Janae Washington (OS), Bill Branch (OS), Andrew Washington (OS), Dr. Mary Ivey (EDC), Frank Smith (EDC), Sabrina Thomas (EDC).

- I. Call to order by Deputy Secretary Julia Hudson at 3:06pm
- II. Review of meeting agenda
- III. Status on 2019 Emancipation Day Activities
 - a. **Full Democracy Champions Breakfast – April 12, 2019, 8:00AM**
 - i. All Commissioners have been invited as we honor Congressman John Lewis. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Ms. Janae Washington via email at Janae.Washington@dc.gov
 - b. **DC Emancipation and the Civil War at African-American Civil War Memorial – April 8, 2019, 5:00PM**
 - i. Commissioner Frank Smith has secured the venue.
 - ii. Potential panelists include C.R. Gibbs, Frank Smith, Roger Davidson, and Elizabeth Clark Lewis.
 - iii. There will be a small reception to follow.
 - c. **Reading of the names at African-American Civil War Memorial – April 13, 2019, 4:00PM**
 - d. **Displaying the DC Emancipation Day Act at the John A. Wilson Building – April 15, 2019**
 - i. A copy of the DC Emancipation Day Act will be on display in Mayor Bowser's Ceremonial Room
 - e. **Other proposed events sponsored by the Office of the Secretary**
 - i. **FREED - Female Reenactor of Distinction Program at Metropolitan A.M.E. Church – April 18, 2019, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**
 1. Character portrayals of African American women in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality coupled with a gospel choir and historical overview. FREED members represent women during and after the Civil War who played significant roles in the struggle.

- ii. **History of Emancipation Day at Office of the State Superintendent of Education – April 19, 2019, 12:00-2:00PM**
 - 1. Lunchtime Lecture series
- iii. **Panel at the National Museum of African American History and Culture – April 22, 2019, 2:00-4:00PM**
 - 1. DC Emancipation: Past, Present, and Future

IV. Commissioners should email Janae Washington regarding events and indicate areas of interest.

Adjourned at 3:42pm by Deputy Secretary Julia Hudson