



District of Columbia Emancipation Day Commemoration Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 6:34 PM – 7:14 PM

Platform: WebEx

In Attendance: Howard Marks, Sabrina Thomas, Mary Ivey, Ayanna Hawkins, Malissa Freese, Emily Martin

Notes:

1. The Commission reviewed the draft program plan for 2022 DC Emancipation Day.
2. Commissioner Thomas noted that she had reached out to the National Park Service regarding Frederick Douglass' home and a potential "kick-off" at the beginning of April in honor of DC Emancipation Day.
3. Commissioner Marks highlighted the 100th Anniversary of the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the national mall and noted that it would be great if the 100th Anniversary of the statue could be tied in with the 160th Anniversary of DC Emancipation Day, given Lincoln's role in emancipation.
4. Commissioner Ivey noted that there is a four-part documentary on Abraham Lincoln, scheduled to air on the History Channel on 2.20.22, and encouraged Commissioners to watch if they were able to.
5. Commissioner Hawkins emphasized the connection between Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln and noted that that connection should be highlighted.
6. The meeting closed with Emily Martin requesting that Commissioners share any additional suggested panel participants or experts to take part in some of the planned programs.