MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Secretary Kimberly Bassett.
2. Roll call: Completed at 6:05 pm.
3. Commissioner attendees:
   a) In person: No in-person attendees.
   b) Via phone: Commissioner William Branch, Senior Archivist, Office of Public Records.
4. OS Staff:
   a) Kimberly A. Bassett, Secretary of State of Washington DC.
   b) Tyler Brown, Public Information Officer.
5. OS Update. . . . .6:09 PM
   a) Secretary Bassett moved to update Commissioner Branch about OS needs for event planning and for creative suggestions about what events will be planned.

Community Projects and Events

6. Emancipation Day 2020 Events. . . . .6:11 PM
   a) Secretary Bassett invited Commissioner Branch to detail the preliminary plans for the Commission’s 2020 series of events. Commissioner Branch provided the following event concepts:
      • 2020 Emancipation Proclamation Viewing and Open House
      • DCPS Education Sessions
         o Civil War vets and Reenactors at DCPS 4th grade classes
      • African American Civil War Museum Emancipation Day Panel Discussion
      • African American History Museum/National Archives Event
      • Potential Church Symposia
7. **2020 Emancipation Day Parade and Float. . . . . 6:20 PM**
   a) The Emancipation Day Parade has become a signature Washington, DC event.
      Potential Ideas include:
      • Creation of a unique Emancipation Day Planning Commission parade float.
      • Reenactors march in parade while reading the Emancipation Proclamation out loud.

8. **Open Discussion. . . . .6:23 PM – 6:37 PM**
   a) Secretary Bassett and Emancipation Day holiday commissioners will develop an outline of Emancipation Day 2020 events by February 12, 2020.
   b) Commissioner Branch will share a booklet and documentary that highlight how the DC Emancipation Day holiday and DC home rule are intrinsically connected issues.

9. **Upcoming Events. . . . .6:38 PM**
   a) **Annual Full Democracy Champions Breakfast**
      Who: Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Office of the Senior Advisor
      What: Political leaders and district residents gather to celebrate a significant point in our history, the 158th anniversary of DC Emancipation Day.
      When: Friday, April 17, 2020, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
      Where: Marriot Marquis, 901Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001

10. **Next Meeting Date - To be determined based on schedule availability** meeting will be conducted via conference call.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM by Secretary Kimberly A. Bassett.