



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

- **Call to Order by Deputy Secretary Hudson – 6:35PM**

- **Roll Call**
 - Robert Vinson Brannum
 - Carlos Davis
 - Stephanie Franklin for Monica Palacio
 - Charles R. Hicks
 - Felicia Davis Hipkins
 - Dr. Steve Johnson filling for Angela Gates
 - Israel Lyons
 - Calvin Nophlin
 - Lee Brian Reba
 - Ryan Wegman

- **Status Review/Follow-Up on June 18, 2019 Meeting**
 - Commissioners have asked for a re-circulation of last month’s meeting minutes.

 - Slogan of “My City, My Dream, My Vote” which was suggested in the previous meeting was solidified.

 - Commissioner Charles Hicks
 - Commissioner Hicks suggested to secure a contact from The Office of Religious Affairs to get the bells to ring.
 - Interfaith churches to ring bells at 12 noon all over the city
 - Suggestion that the Drumming for Justice event be moved to the Spring.

- **Follow-Up on Educational/Youth Outreach Discussion**
 - Commission discussed possible coordination with DCPS to increase participation through awards and/or community service hours.



- Commissioner Reba indicated a willingness to head up possible partnership with UDC.
- Commissioner Robert Brannum
 - Discussed considering poetry for millennials (poetry/reading competition) something to meld together voting rights and freedom.
- Commissioner Ryan Wegman
 - Offered to help with millennial outreach based on his work with many young professional organizations.
- **Discussion of New Business**
 - Commissioner Charles Hicks
 - Suggested to merge established Black History Month calendar of events with MLK Calendar.
 - Commissioner Lee Brian Reba
 - Commissioner Reba suggested a one-stop website that would showcase all MLK Day events. The Commission would then promote these events and the Commission website would be the ‘warehouse’ for all these events.
 - Commissioner Carlos Davis
 - Raised the issue of outside speakers for the Premier Event.
 - The Committee (MLK City-Wide Events Committee) will do be assigned to helping procure a key-note speaker.
- **Selection of Committees**
 - **Premier City-Wide Event Committee**
 - A Free-Standing City-Wide Event
 - Commissioner Charles Hicks - Chair
 - Commissioner Robert Brannum
 - Commissioner Felicia Davis Hipkins
 - Commissioner Carlos Davis



- **Communications/Social Media Committee**
 - MLK Vignettes
 - Interviews with select residents about their reflections on Dr. King.
 - Social Media promotion of events and amplifying the theme #MyCityMyDreamMyVote across all social media platforms.
 - Commissioner Robert Brannum
 - Deputy Secretary Hudson
 - Dr. Steve Johnson, OCTFME

- **Parade/Float Committee**

- **Educational Outreach Committee/**
 - Millennial/Youth Outreach
 - MLK Day Parade Essay Contest
 - UDC Outreach
 - Commissioner Calvin Nophlin
 - Commissioner Lee Brian Reba
 - Commissioner Ryan Wegman

- **Sub-Committee on Additional Events**
 - Interfaith Church Ringing of the Bells
 - Drumming for Justice

- **Next Meeting Date – August 2019**
 - The Office of the Secretary will notify Commission members via email pertaining next meeting date in August.

- **Adjournment – 7:06PM**