

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lilla Sutton, Co-chair	X	
Anita Wolley, Co-chair	X	
Dottie Chicquelo	X	
Barry LeNoir		X
Dr. Samuel Ticha	X	
<b>Staff and Others</b>		
Monroe Dennis, Former Councilmember District Two		X
Kevin Blackerby, Staff Liaison	X	
Ryna Quinones, Staff	X	
Bob Ryan, Staff		X
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**II. Review and Approval of Agenda**

The Committee reviewed the agenda and no edits were made.

**Ms. Wolley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Dr. Chicquelo. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 4-0-0.**

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes**

**a. February, April, and May**

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 8th, April 13th, and May 11<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**Ms. Wolley motioned to approve the February, April and May meeting minutes as presented. Second by Dr. Ticha. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 4-0-0.**

#### **IV. 2023 Event Planning**

**a. Theme Idea** - The following themes were suggested:

*One Community, One Love*

*One Family, One Love*

*Sharing and Caring*

*Let's Walk in Each Other's Shoes*

*Love Connects Us*

*Many Families, One Community*

*Now is The Time*

*Choose Kindness*

*The Urgency of Now*

*By All Means, Keep Moving Forward*

The Committee will plan to use the theme, *Many Families, One Community* and will re-word the theme as needed.

**b. Program Ideas**

- The Committee discussed conducting several family focused activities, such as a day of service, a food drive, a book giveaway and story readings for young children prior to the panel discussion.
- Dr. Chicquelo checked with the Library of Congress to see if they will provide free books. The Library of Congress will give free books but the Committee would have to complete a form and then select the books. Dr. Chicquelo showed the Committee a video of a child telling the history of Dr. King and suggested to use that type of video to show to the children.
- Mr. Blackerby suggested to create scholarship awards that can be distributed to students that submit the best short video production, artwork or essays based on the event's theme. The Committee asked how information can be provided to the schools. Ms. Quinones explained any information that would be submitted to schools has to be approved by Prince Georges County Public Schools before it can be sent. Ms. Quinones suggested to keep event advertisement within the City and the event announcements would go through the City's communications.
- The food drive will occur the month of January and all food will be donated to the College Park Food Bank.
- If the Committee approves a panel discussion for the main event, Dr. Ticha will obtain panel participants.

**c. Timeline**

- a. Website go live January 1, 2023.
- b. Food Drive to start January 1, 2023.
- c. Mr. Blackerby will create a timeline with the event activities for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

**V. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Ms. Wolley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dr. Ticha. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Carleveva Thompson, contract secretary