



**State of Connecticut
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Commission**

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2008 1:00
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Commissioner Present

Dennis J. King
William Dixon
Benjamin Rhodes
James Williams
Sarah Diaz
Rodney Matthews
Diane Paige-Blondet

Commissioner Absent

Rev. King T. Hayes
Mark Robinson
Rev. Carlton Giles
Apostle Bradford Howard Jr.
Carol Anderson
Rep. Annette Carter

1. Chairperson

Commissioner King welcomed each Commissioner participating in the meeting and asked each of them to introduce themselves as he called the meeting to order a 1:37.

2. Commissioner King wanted the record to show that there was not a quorum so no votes would be taken.

3. Commissioner King discussed at length the upcoming MLK reception and event. Commissioner King reiterated several points from the previous minutes regarding the location and time of the January events.
4. Commissioner King noted that the old Judiciary room had been reserved and the capacity of upwards of 200 people. The Commission agreed to have approximately 5 tables with 8 chairs for those individuals that need to sit and the rest can stand and mingle. Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Williams would be on hand to assist and oversee activities in the Old Judiciary Room where the reception would take place. Commissioner Williams would be in contact with CHRO in terms of the MLK exhibit that was to arrive on Friday afternoon January 18, 2008, at which time the exhibit would be set up for the public viewing. The caterers would arrive at 9:00 and again, would be assisted by Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Williams.
5. Commissioner King advised that the Governor would not be in attendance; however the Lt. Governor had gladly accepted the invitation and would be coming in from Stamford the morning of the event. The keynote speaker was being picked up and driven to the event and departing from the event to Bradley Airport.
6. Commissioners were designated at the last meeting as to the Awardees they were to notify and introduce themselves. The Commissioners would meet and greet their Awardees upon their arrival and then escort them to the reception. The Awardees and the Commissioners would then meet in the Governor's office for a photo session to be approximately at 10:35.
7. Commissioner King explained the previous program to the new Commissioners and advised of the various roles that would be played by each.
8. Commissioner King reviewed the dire need for additional funding for the Commission. He assigned Commissioner Rhodes and Commissioner Matthews as co-chairs of the Fund Raising Committee and asked that they come to future meetings prepared to discuss various options.
9. Commissioner King thanked the commissioners for attending either in person or via phone.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20.