



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

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008 1:00
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
NEWINGTON

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Dennis J. King
William Dixon
Benjamin Rhodes
James Williams
Rodney Matthews
Carol Anderson
Sarah Diaz

Commissioner Absent

Mark Robinson
Rev. Carlton Giles
Apostle Bradford Howard Jr.
Diane Paige-Blondet

1. Chairperson Commissioner King welcomed each Commissioner participating in the meeting both present and those on the conference call.
2. Commissioner King wanted the record to show that there was a quorum.

3. Commissioner King thanked the members of the Commission for their dedication and uncompromising support of the activities leading up to the King Day Celebration. He spoke of the many news articles and the CTN telecast of the event.
4. Commissioner King read into the record a letter from Former State Treasurer Hank Parker concerning how grateful he was being honored as an Awardee.
5. There was a detailed review of the cost of the King ceremony and Commissioner King discussed the fact that the commission was over budget and noted that CHRO had cover the expenditures from CHRO funds. Commissioner King expressed his gratitude to the CHRO leadership for the funding and the support.
6. Commissioners discussed the dire need for additional funding for the Commission. Commissioner Rhodes and Commissioner Matthews, previously assigned as co-chairs of the Fund Raising Committee, are to submitted ideals for co-sponsorship of future MLK events and fundraising.
7. Commissioner King discussed at length the budget and the fact that the commission needed to focus on raising funds if the Commissioners wanted to consider other venues/activities for the Commission.
8. Several of the members decided that the Annual Youth Conference would be a good place to start in terms other venues/activities for the Commission. Several examples were given of other options the Commission may want to pursue. A sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Diaz and Anderson were asked to brainstorm the possibilities.
9. Commissioners Matthews suggested selling items (polo shirts, coffee mugs, tee shirts) with the State of Connecticut MLK logo as a fundraising option.
10. Commissioner King thanked the commissioners for attending either in person or via phone.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.