



State of Connecticut Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, April, 23, 2008 1:30
Department of Transportation
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
Newington

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Apostle Bradford Howard Jr
Dennis J. King
William Dixon
Rodney Matthews
Diane Paige-Blondet
Rev. Carlton Giles
Carol Anderson

Commissioner Absent

James Williams
Mark Robinson
Sarah Diaz
Benjamin Rhodes

Chairperson Commissioner King welcomed each Commissioner participating in the meeting both present and those on the conference call.

1. Commissioner King wanted the record to reflect that there was a quorum. The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2008 were approved as written.
2. Commissioner Blondet provided the commission with information concerning a request from a group of Hartford Foundation Organizers who announced plans to raise money

and build a monument in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King and his wife Coretta, on the former site of a monument to the city's Northwest residents who served in World War II. The foundation wishes to have the MLK committee oversee the project and the distribution of funds.

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3. After much discussion, Commissioner Blondet was appointed chair of the subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Howard and Anderson. A motion was made by Comm. Giles and seconded by Comm. Matthews authorizing the subcommittee to meet with the foundation for the purpose of providing feed back to the commission. In addition, members of the subcommittee were authorized to attend a press conference announcing the formation of the Foundation. Comm. Blondet was to take the lead representing the commission.
4. Commissioner Giles advised that he was somewhat late in terms of activity on his subcommittee. The purpose of said subcommittee was to canvas the towns and municipalities across the state inquiring as to what activities were being planned in observation of the 2009 Federal Holiday. Additionally this subcommittee would draft a letter to the Governor with the results of its findings, recommendations and proposals prior to September 1, 2008.
5. Commissioner Matthews will touch base with Commissioner Rhodes in terms of accessing foundations/corporations in terms of fundraising/underwriting the 2009 Holiday celebration or the 2009 youth conference and provide feedback to the commission at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43.