

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Lilla Sutton, Co-chair	X	
Anita Wolley, Co-chair		X
Dottie Chicquelo	X	
Barry LeNoir		X
Dr. Samuel Ticha	X	
Staff and Others		
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 6:17 p.m. A quorum was not present for the meeting.

II. 2023 Event Planning

- a. **Virtual vs. Live** – The Committee discussed keeping the event virtual.
- b. **School Participation** – The plan is to notify the schools by September of the event and theme so students can create artwork and essays based on the event theme. Budget funds can be used to buy art supplies for the schools or to create grant awards to be distributed to winners in an art or essay contest.

c. 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
One Family, One Love
Love Connects Us

d. Program Ideas

- Expand the event to conduct various activities over a week or for the month of January. Start event announcements at the beginning of January to obtain City participation and to help gain a larger audience for the event held on Dr. King's holiday.
- Ask families what activities they are doing on Dr. King's holiday.
- Name a street in the City after Dr. King. Mr. Blackerby will check to see what this involves.
- Conduct a food drive at City Hall and have the student's artwork and essays displayed at City Hall so residents can see the artwork when dropping off food donations.
- Conduct book readings for students online and give books away to children. Possibly have authors or bookstores donate books. Dr. Chicquelo will check to see if authors or bookstores will donate books to the City.
- Panel discussion for adults or families on Dr. King's holiday.
- Conduct a back-to-school event to donate school supplies to students.

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Sutton adjourned the meeting at 6:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carleveva Thompson, contract secretary