

**THE COMMISSION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR  
MINUTES  
October 25, 2011**

Present

Commissioner Shyam - Chair  
Commissioner Stumbo - Vice Chair  
Commissioner Rosa  
Commissioner Wimbley-Gouveia  
Councilor Raymond - Council Liaison

Staff

Linda Weaver, HR Manager  
Suzanne Segui, HR Specialist

Visitor

Joan Collison

Absent

Commissioner Alexander  
Commissioner Parsons

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Action Recommendation
I. Minutes from September 27, 2011	Approved
II. Memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. Park	Discussed
III. Visitor Joan Collison	Discussed
IV. 2012 MLK Event Update	Discussed, Approved, Continued
V. Essay Contest	Discussed
VI. Other	Discussed, Approved, Continued
VII. Adjourn to November 15, 2011	Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

- I. Minutes from September 27, 2011 Meeting - Approved.
- II. Memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. Park – Councilor Raymond noted a meeting with David Phillips, Parks Operations Supervisor, at MLK Park to discuss ideas for the memorial. Councilor Raymond proposed the idea of a ramada instead of a gazebo.
- III. Visitor Joan Collison – Visitor Collison presented a drawing of a structure to memorialize Martin Luther King Jr. at the Park. Included was a four-sided display; a Bronze Portrait, History of Dr. King, Quotations, and a side to honor local citizens.
- IV. 2012 MLK Event Update –
  - a. Speaker – Commissioner Wimbley-Gouveia will confirm will Dr. Robert Thompson to participate as the keynote speaker for the event. He will be allotted approximately 15-20 minutes to speak.
  - b. Choir - Commissioner Rosa asked if the Majestic Theater had a piano and risers for the Choir's performance. Commissioner Shyam will contact the theater. Commissioner Wimbley-Gouveia will follow-up with the LBCC Choir.
  - c. Theme Quotes – The Commissioner decided to incorporate the following MLK quotation with the theme of Poverty.

“There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.”

~Martin Luther King Jr.

- d. The Commission will extend invites to four agencies to partake in the event. The Commission will honor their commitment to service within the City of Corvallis. Commissioner Rosas motioned to select the following agencies; Community Outreach, The Vina Moses Center, South Corvallis Food Bank, and the Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition. Commissioner Stumbo seconded, and the motioned carried. Commissioner Wimbley-Gouveia motioned to spend up to \$200 for framed certificates to be presented to the agencies at the event. Commissioner Rosa seconded, and the motion passed.
- V. Essay Contest – Commissioner Shyam will create the Essay Contest Flyer. The Commission decided to extend participation beyond the high schools to include the following; Boys and Girls Club, Jackson Street Youth Shelter, College Hill School, Corvallis High School, and Crescent Valley High School.
- VI. Other –
- a. Footwise Window Display – Commissioner Shyam will contact the art teacher at Corvallis High School for interest in students creating artwork for the Footwise window display. Commissioner Stumbo motioned to provide a \$150 grant for art supplies. Commissioner Rosa seconded, the motion passed.
  - b. The Commission decided to re-schedule the November meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 4:30 pm.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to November 15, 2011.