

**THE COMMISSION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
MINUTES
January 24, 2012**

Present

Commissioner Shyam – Chair
Commissioner Stumbo - Vice Chair
Commissioner Kanterman
Commissioner Claywoman
Commissioner Parsons
Councilor Raymond - Council Liaison

Absent

Commissioner Rosa
Commissioner Wimbley-Gouveia
Commissioner Nguyen

Staff

Ellen Volmert, Assistant City Manager

Guest

Tom Jensen

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Action Recommendation
I. Minutes from January 4, 2012 Meeting	Approved
II. Introduction of Commissioner Claywoman	Introduced
III. Event Discussion	Discussed
IV. MLK Park	Discussed and Continued
V. Other	Discussed
V. Adjourn to February 28, 2012	Adjourned

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

- I. Minutes from January 4, 2012 Meeting – Approved
- II. Introduction of New Commissioner – Commissioner Claywoman introduced herself and was welcomed by the Commission.
- III. Event Discussion – Commissioner Stumbo noted more advertising is needed for the 2013 event. The Commission discussed Dr. Robert Thompson’s speech. Commissioner Claywoman suggested providing guidelines for the speaker and entertainment for future events. Councilor Raymond noted previous Commissioners strived to challenge people’s thinking. Commissioner Kanterman commented the refreshments were well received, especially the cake from New Morning Bakery, and Commissioner Claywoman noted the LBCC Chamber Choir with Director James Reddan was inspiring. Staff Member Volmert requested the winning poster to add to the City of Corvallis website. Commissioner Claywoman suggested adding “We Shall Overcome” to the end of the event. Councilor Raymond stated the event tasks need to be better divided among all Commissioners. Councilor Raymond discussed comments made by Councilor Hirsh at the January 17, 2012 Council Meeting. Staff Member Volmert will invite Councilor Hirsh to the February meeting. Commissioner Shyam proposed Wednesday, January 16, 2013 for next year’s annual event. The Commission will communicate with OSU to correlate with their plans, and Staff will reserve the Majestic Theatre.

- IV. MLK Park –
 - a. Commissioner Stumbo discussed a volunteer work party and will connect with Steve McGettigan at Parks and Recreation. Councilor Raymond noted that Professor Steve Cook teaches classes where students are required to do community service. The students might be interested in participation at a work party at MLK Park, Spring term. The Commission wants to hold the next volunteer work party in April. Commissioner Shyam will contact the OSU Office of Volunteering.
 - b. Signage – Councilor Raymond noted the Commission had over \$6,000 to spend before July 2012. Commissioner Shyam asked the Commission to think about ideas for the Signage at the Park. Councilor Raymond will invite Dave Bucy to the February meeting. Commissioner Shyam will contact designer Cy Stadsvold. Staff will determine the amount the Commission has left in the 11/12 budget. Commissioner Kanterman volunteered to be the point person for the MLK Park project.

- V. Other – Visitor Jensen discussed the increase of the student population at OSU and its effect on Corvallis neighborhoods. He is concerned the new developments designed for students are not available to all citizens. Staff Member Volmert noted the City of Corvallis has a Civil Rights ordinance enforced by the Fair Housing Council and suggested contacting the City of Corvallis Housing Division. Councilor Raymond and Commissioner Shyam recommended Visitor Jensen contact the Corvallis Alliance for Diversity.

- VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm to February 28, 2012.