

**THE COMMISSION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
MINUTES**

August 26, 2014

Present

Jasper Smith
Megha Shyam
Esmeralda Reyes
Joseph Orosco
Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia
Jennifer Almquist

Absent

Bruce Sorte- Council Liaison

Visitors

Kristin Loggins

Staff

None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Action Recommendation
I. Approve minutes	Minutes were approved.
II. MLK Charge	Our suggestions for revising the charge of the commission were submitted to the Human Services Committee (HSC). The HSC will discuss at their meeting on October 7 th at 2 PM in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room. Commissioners and public are encouraged to attend.
III. Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board (CIDAB) Task Force	Jasper was appointed to serve on the task force to represent MLK Commission. They will have their first meeting September 10 th at 10 AM in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room. We had initial discussions on the charge of the task force related to the charge of MLK Commission. Jasper will relay input to the task force.
IV. Community Policing Forum	We discussed concerns and interest we have heard in the community about wanting more information about issues related to the Corvallis Police Department in light of events in Ferguson, MO. We expressed interest in partnering with the Community Policing Forum and the Corvallis Police Department about holding a more public forum on issues related to militarization of local police forces, racial profiling, hiring practices, policies related to deadly force, homelessness, mental health, etc. It was suggested that ACLU might partner as well. Jasper will contact CPF and CPD to discuss forum partnership.
V. Event Planning	We discussed options for the January commemorative event. We expressed interest in

	<p>partnering with OSU again. Suggestions included Wade Davis, American Promise or American Winter documentaries. Combining a film and a speaker seemed to work well last year. Jennifer is on the OSU planning committee. We will try to coordinate and land on a presenter soon.</p>
<p>VI. Essay Contest</p>	<p>We discussed themes for the essay contest. This summer was the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. Next summer is the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We discussed topics related to this. We agreed to have a 500 word limit to try to get the Gazette-Times to publish the winner(s) in an As I see it column. We agreed to set a 12/5/14 deadline for essays and to meet as a commission on 12/16/14. The commission will finalize theme content.</p>