

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

October 28th, 2014

Present

Jasper Smith
Esmeralda Reyes
Joseph Orosco
Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia
Jennifer Almquist
Bruce Sorte- Council Liaison

Absent

Megha Shyam

Visitors

None

Staff

None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Action Recommendation
I. Approve minutes	Approved August and September minutes.
II. January Event	We approved having Walidah Imarisha as our presenter on Thursday January 22 nd at 7 PM at the Majestic Theater. We approved expending funds on her speaker fee, accommodations, and transportation. We also approved expenditures for publicity, Majestic rental, food, and flowers. Total approved budget for the event is \$3500.
III. Essay Contest	Contest flyers were distributed at the high schools and listservs. Essay deadline is December 5 th .
IV. Other events	We discussed having a showing of Harvest of Empire for Cesar Chavez' birthday in early April, a forum on policing in late April, co-sponsoring the Sprout Film Festival in May, and maybe doing an ADA 25 th anniversary event in June.
V. City Council Updates	The charges of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and the Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board will be brought before the Human Services Committee on November 4 th at 2 PM in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room.
VI. Discussion with Police Chief Sassaman	We agreed to invite Chief Sassaman to meet with the Commission in February to discuss participation in a forum on policing issues in late April. We may look at having a panel including ACLU, NAACP, and CPD about could Ferguson type issues happen in Corvallis. There was interest in issues around use of force, militarization, profiling, overlapping jurisdictions, domestic violence, and de-escalation. There was not

	interest in parking and traffic issues.
VII. Sister Commissions	We discussed possible liaison and connection with Human Relations Committee in Albany and possible sharing and connection with diversity advisory committees in other city's and jurisdictions to explore common issues and approaches. We felt like there was value in connection, but our abilities may be limited in facilitating it. Maybe another entity could be interested in taking it on. The chairs may connect and share information with respective commissions.
VIII. Council Liaison	Bruce is not seeking reelection and will not continue as our liaison past January. There was discussion about the process of assigning a new liaison and any involvement the commission may have in the process.