

## **MLK Celebration Committee**

**10/26/2016**

**Public Health Building- Public Health Library**

**4:00pm- 5:30pm**

### **Minutes**

Present: Joanna Baker, Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Bernard Greene, Ann Kamensky, Rita McNally, Lloyd Gellineau

Absent: Malcolm Cawthorne, Lynnette Glover

1. General Discussion of the Mission of the Committee
2. Joanna Baker announced her resignation from the Committee. The Committee thanked Joanna for her service and dedication to the work of the Committee and her commitment to the ideals of Martin Luther King in her daily life.
3. Discussion of recruiting new members to the Committee and presenting new roster to the BOS for approval; suggestions:
  - Exploring collaboration with the DICRC- Outreach Committee.
  - Doing outreach to churches for volunteers and for potential committee members
  - Asking the Brookline Asian American Family Network for volunteers.
4. Discussion of possible programs for the January event and events after January; ideas discussed:
  - Breakfast with rank and file Police Officers or other activities that would foster positive relationships with the police.
  - Showing a movie that is related to MLK with a follow-up discussion
  - Town book reading with discussion on MLK Day
  - Creating a hybrid of Race Reels that begins at the high school
  - Educational/Speaker/Discussion events on:
    - role of race in elections
    - School to Prison Pipeline
    - MLK and Poor People's campaign
    - class issues in poverty – suggestion to read “Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and a culture in crisis”
    - economic disparities
    - understanding policing issues – policies and procedures, supervision, training, discipline
    - Obama's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing initiative/ Campaign Zero policing improvement initiative

5. Discussion of suggested participants in January event:
  - Retired federal district court judge Nancy Gertner
  - Rahsaan Hall, ACLU
  - Black Lives Matter activist
  
6. Discussion of miscellaneous issues and follow up:
  - The Committee agreed that it would continue to stage the main event at the Coolidge Corner Theater – Rob Daves agreed to inquire into reserving the theater for the day of the event
  - Bernard Greene agreed to contact Ronald Wilkinson at First Unitarian Church
  - Rob Daves agreed to investigate posting the event at Coolidge Corner on the sandwich board signs and elsewhere
  - Rob Daves will communicate with the graphic designer who did the poster that has been used for this event
  
7. Next meeting is set for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:30 p.m.