

**MLK Celebration Committee**  
**11/2/16**  
**Public Health Building – Library**  
**5:30-7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Ann Kamensky, Bobbie Knable, Caitlin Haynes

Absent: Lloyd Gellineau, Malcom Cawthorne, Lynnette Glover, Rita McNally

1. General discussion regarding coming up with basic by-laws for the Committee; Bernard will speak with Jocelyn.
2. Bernard presented Minute edits; they were accepted as amended.
3. Discussion of Ideas for January Program (Monday, January 16, 2017)
  - Coolidge Corner for Film and Discussion (date not yet confirmed with theater)
    - Move titled “13<sup>th</sup>” – too long (100 minutes), potential to sponsor an event for a viewing of this at another time.
    - Viewing of “What is Your Life’s Blueprint”
    - TED talk or clips of shorter videos.
    - Implicit Bias Theme: Series of films including Bias Training films for police, and Black Lives Matter video clips, followed by panel to discuss reaction with audience.
  - First Unitarian Church involvement
    - Bernard spoke with Ronald Wilkinson and they would like to get involved with the Program, but they do not know how.
    - As a group, the members of the Church are reading “Waking up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race” by Debbie Irving.
  - Breakfast with Cops (Rotary Club)
    - A breakfast and informal opening of dialogue with O’Leary (Police), someone from ACLU (Rahsaan Hall), and an activist. Discussion surrounding race and bias, addressing the program, MLK and diversity.
  - Food Pantry Collection – Ann Kamensky
  - 2 Brookline Poets – Jan Shrieber is enthusiastic and would like to be included, Reggie Gibson needs to be contacted.

4. Discussion of Updates

- Rob spoke with Gillian Jackson and posters can be put in the kiosks in Coolidge Corner. He also spoke with Linda Hickey regarding display space at Walgreens. We will get that space from Jan 1-17<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Question for Lloyd:** Can the Town print larger format (x2) for the Walgreens display?

5. Discussion of Follow-ups

- Timeline from last year was a bigger problem than expected, however, Rob will speak with them to see if it would be possible this year with some edits.
- Rob will follow up with Race Reels and Malcom
- Rob will follow up with Coolidge Corner Theater
- Everyone should look at shorter videos addressing the question of implicit bias as well as full length films to sponsor at another time
- Everyone should think about how to articulate implicit bias as the theme
- Ann will reach out to the group “Facing History and Ourselves” as a possible resource
- Bernard will call Rita to discuss the breakfast at the Rotary Club
- Bernard will follow up with Rahsaan Hall at ACLU and try to send out the Police Training videos that he referenced during the meeting.
- Bernard he will write up a proposal for his idea for the program. If there are other proposals, they should also be written up.

6. Closing discussion

- Making available the Report for Diversity Employment at the program. Telling public where it can be found in the program.
- Should open spots on committee be announced at Town Meeting? No, they are published in the TAB.

7. Next Meeting is set for November 10 at 5:30 (In Public Health Building – Small Conference Room, downstairs)

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:00PM.