

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting  
Tuesday November 29, 2016  
5:30-7:00 PM  
Public Health Building – Library

### Minutes

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Malcolm Cawthorne, Caitlin Haynes, Lloyd Gellineau, Bobbie Knable, Ann Kamensky

Absent: Lynette Glover, Rita McNally

Public: Ruth Ann Sneider

1. Minutes reviewed; accepted with edits to correct name spellings.
2. Confirmations and Updates for MLK Event
  - Richard Pinderhughes is confirmed as Keynote Speaker
  - Bobbie confirmed herself to be a question facilitator
  - Bernard will confirm with Michael Gropman and Lloyd will speak with the Chief to let him know.
  - Bernard will confirm with Rabbi Waldoks
  - Bernard will confirm with Sarah Wunsch
  - Bobbie drafted a letter to Andrew Bott and will confirm with him
3. Review and Discussion of Proposed Timeline and Event Focus:
  - Decided upon equal time for all panelists (Gropman, Wunsch and Bott)
  - Decided that audience and engagement and discussion should be focus; each panelist will have 8 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss the importance of confronting bias.
  - Order of panelists was discussed. It was decided that Sarah Wunsch should go after the Keynote, as she will be addressing bias in a more general and universal regard compared to the Town of Brookline representatives from the Police Department and Schools.
  - It was agreed upon that discussion and giving voice to the audience is extremely important and audience engagement needed to be discussed with panelists – most notably, Richard Pinderhughes.
  - Agreed to meet with Richard (and all confirmed panelists) to go over details and themes.
  - Again, the importance of linking the panelists discussion to MLK was brought up.
  - Discussed asking the poets (Jan and Regie) to relate their works to MLK.
  - Bobbie recommended putting things in the program that related to MLK's later work.

- Discussed Rabbi Waldoks and his role in the event. Committee members would like to see him speak, as he represents the Clergy Association of Brookline and is a man of faith. Decided on Rabbi Waldoks to give the Closing Remarks.
  - Moderator – Undecided. Rabbi Waldoks?
4. Questions and Discussion Topics:
- Each panelist will be asked to address this question: Why is it important to confront bias (and how do we do it in Brookline)?
  - What is bias?
  - How is it expressed and perceived?
  - What did MLK say about bias?
  - What can departments do to address bias? Individuals?
  - Brookline as a Sanctuary City
5. Moving Forward:
- Bobbie will incorporate tonight’s discussion into an updated draft of the timeline.
  - Bernard brought a task list for the event (things that need to be done). Committee began discussing items.
  - In order for the poster printing “Confronting Bias in Brookline” Rob will need a basic line of text from panelists once confirmed.
  - The printing invoice for this printing will go straight to Lloyd Gellineau
  - ALS interpreters will be needed for event. The Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations will follow up with this.
  - Rob will set up Eventbrite site for event registration (once panelists are confirmed).
  - Rob is meeting with Kathy Bisbee at BIG on Monday regarding any video content, presentations and any assistance we will need from AV. In leui of this meeting, the committee discussed:
    - using timeline again (with added 2016 events), Lift Every Voice and Sing, and the recessional music.
  - Written program needs to change.
  - Possible subsequent event discussed: set up times with Coolidge Corner Theater to play full length films that are events produced by MLK Committee (13<sup>th</sup>, American Denial, etc).
6. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 5:30PM to 7:00 PM in RM 310 in Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at approx. 7PM