

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting
Tuesday December 6, 2016
5:30-7:00 PM
Town Hall RM 310

Minutes

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Malcolm Cawthorne, Caitlin Haynes, Bobbie Knable, Ann Kamensky, Rita McNally

Absent: Lynette Glover, Lloyd Gellineau

Public: Ruth Ann Sneider, Kea van der Ziel, R. Harvey Bravman

1. Minutes reviewed; accepted with edits to correct name spellings.
2. Harvey introduced himself and spoke briefly about his documentary on interviews with Holocaust survivors; event on January 26, 2016.
3. Rob met with Kathy Bisbee at BIG; Erin Kinney will be helping with this. Timeline discussed. Committee would like to acknowledge Hidden Brookline in the timeline with a picture of the plaque. Committee agreed to edit out the memorial from last year. Did not discuss replacement at this time. Committee discussed adding events and images for 2016. Decided that would not include election and president elect. Potential to add photo of Bernard Greene as first black Selectman in Brookline; discussion progressed to questions of then including first black department director, lieutenant, etc.
4. Confirmations and Updates for MLK Event
 - Rahasaan Hall has confirmed in place of Sarah Wunsch
 - Chief O'Leary has confirmed
 - Jan Shreiber is confirmed
 - Harvey Bravman confirmed
 - Bobbie expects to have a confirmation from Andrew Bott by Wednesday.
 - Day of Service: More than Words and Food Pantry events are confirmed
 - Onstage will be: Pinderhughes, O'Leary, Bott and Hall
5. Timeline edits and discussion:
 - Change Food Pantry to starting at 11AM.
 - Only sing one verse of Lift Every Voice
 - Harvey's name needs to be spelled correctly and edited to Brookline HUB.
 - On screen, during presentations, will be 'Keeping the Promise'
 - Discussion around "Where do we include MLK as central focus?"
 - Discussed trying to find public domain audio or video clips in lieu of proposed book reading (Ta-Nehisi Coates)

- The order of the panelists was discussed and decided. After the keynote, O’Leary and Bott will speak and Rahasaan will respond from his perspective.
- Bobbie proposed and distributed MLK quotes for program use that correlates with each speaker’s domain.
- Bernard suggested reading a poem by Taye Diggs; poem was distributed
- Bernard presented a list of questions to the committee in order to focus the topic of the discussion. Harvey added “How do we address our own bias”.
- More discussion surrounding Rabbi and where to include him – committee finds it important to have him speak as a clergy. Committee discussed Rabbi giving closing remarks from the audience.

6. Moving Forward:

- Bernard will set up meetings with Rahasaan and Rick for the committee to sit and speak with them
- Discussion about re-emphasizing MLK in questions and focus of discussion.
- Discussed ways to have continuing programming and discussion around this.
- Discussed “Controlled Questions” and how they will be facilitated. Index cards to each audience member, they write down question, facilitators collect them and ask questions to panel? OR Audience asks themselves? OR another way? Can we refer to the Q&A as something other than “controlled”?
- Discussion around using survey to address any unanswered questions that audience has.
- Task List discussed:
 - Rob will find survey from last year
 - The posters are being printed tomorrow
 - Caitlin will request 2 ASL interpreters for the event
 - Rob needs short blurbs from the speakers and Day of Service coordinators to advertise
 - Rob will set up Eventbrite
 - Discussed shuttle bus for seniors – in lieu of a bus, seniors can request a ride if needed when registering.
 - Posters will need to be distributed.

7. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 5:30PM to 7:00 PM in the Public Health Department – Library

Meeting Adjourned at 7PM