

Martin Luther King Commission Meeting
Rio Grande Board Room
December 10, 2014

Attendees: Winston Wilkinson, Adrienne Andrews, Robert Rendon, Dr. Karen Johnson, Claudia Nakano, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell, Beth Garstka, Dr. Rob Harter, Nkoyo Iyamba, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Jenny Hor, Stanford Kekauoha, Sattia Chozo

Excused: Jasen Lee, Julie Fisher

Unexcused: Joseph Nicholas

Welcome- *Winston Wilkinson*

- Winston welcomed all the attendees to the MLK Commission meeting.
- The minutes were moved to be approved by Shawn Newell and seconded by Ed Napia.

Video presentation – *Stanford Kekauoha*

- A video about the Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit was shown to the attendees.
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9oN_TsHbYQ&index=1&list=UU2XWYy8OHrxHOOaOTUYb9Jg]

Introduction of New Members- *Commission Members*

- The commission members introduced themselves.

Review Executive Order – *Commission Discussion*

- Winston asked what the new commission would like to accomplish in the years to come.
- Claudia mentioned and brought to the commission's attention that the executive order needed to be updated because former Lt. Governor Bell's name is in there.
- Robert Rendon mentioned that when he first started in the commission, they used to visit elementary schools in Utah and had an essay-writing contest. Awards were given to students at the annual luncheon the commission hosted.
- Dr. Rob Harter mentioned the commission should raise awareness in the community by attending already planned events and let the community know that there's a MLK Commission that cares about the community and what is happening.
- Dr. Crawford agreed with Dr. Harter and mentioned that in the short term it's a good idea to support others' events, so the community knows the commission cares about the community. A year ago the commission was doing things to demonstrate Dr. King's work, such as an essay contest and by doing community service. He also mentioned to help promote other MLK events; this will help build relationships with different organizations.
- Dr. Karen Johnson mentioned that representing the MLK Commission in different events statewide will benefit the commission tremendously.
- Nkoyo mentioned that having the commission's purpose at the top of everything the commission distributes is essential to promote their work and commitment to the community. She stated that when some people hear Martin Luther King Commission they automatically think of something that takes place in January. She asked the commission how they can overcome political issues on what is happening nationwide because the MLK Commission promotes diversity, equity and Human Rights.

- Winston asked the commission how they would like to approach events such as ‘Don’t shoot’ since they are honoring Dr. King’s legacy but are also part of a state commission.
- Dr. Karen Johnson mentioned that when she thinks of a commission, she thinks of a group of people who identify issues that need to be addressed. She stated that the commission needs to identify issues that are affecting the multicultural community and by doing that the commission is fulfilling the legacy of Dr. King who was concerned about injustice
- Adrienne stated that it is extremely important to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy not only in January but also throughout the entire year. She also mentioned that marketing and communication are important; all kind of press releases should be sent out to all the media sources, community partners, businesses and organizations.
- Beth asked if funding is available to the commission. She mentioned that having funds is going to impact endorsements and events in the community. She stated that travel to different locations and having a strategic plan is important.
- Nkoyo mentioned anti-bullying programs are important and highly effective; she stated the commission should help get those programs into schools and have kids role-play everyday scenarios. She also suggested having a calendar and using Dr. King’s causes month by month as another idea to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy throughout the entire year.
- Ed Napia suggested that the commission identify their audience.
- Shawn suggested branding the MLK Commission is extremely important; to have some kind of graphic will help the commission members represent the MLK Commission in different events.
- Stanford explained the MCA is working on rebranding the MLK commission website; he also suggested the commission start using social media such as the Facebook page already created and keep it updated for the community to know what the MLK Commission is up to.
- Robert Rendon expressed he’s pleased that the conversation is changing and is excited for the commission to go out to the community.
- Claudia encouraged commission members to provide feedback on the website, to discuss what they would like to have on the website; have their photos and/or a small biography is a possibility.
- Beth suggested meeting often and putting together a calendar of possible events the commission can host or can attend on behalf of the MLK Commission.
 - January
 - Film series
 - Panel of University professors
 - Forum about racism
- Nkoyo stated her radio program Cultural Connections is open to the commission; a panel could be a good idea to help the commission be out in the community.

Action Items

- **Next MLK Meeting-**
The next MLK Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Rio Grande Board Room.