

Martin Luther King Commission Meeting
Christian Center in Park City
Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Attendees: Beth Garstka, Robert Rendon, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Jasen Lee, Dr. Rob Harter, Adrienne Andrews, Nkoyo Iyamba, Dr. Karen Johnson, Jenny Hor, Sattia Chozo, Yajanetsy Ruano

Excused: Claudia Nakano, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell

Guests: McKenzie Romero, Col. Keith Squires, Jane Patten, Nann Worel, Scott Loomis, Katie Wright, Jack Thomas, Andy Beerman

Welcome – *Dr. Rob Harter, Commission Chair*

Rob Harter welcomed all attendees to the MLK Commission meeting

Introductions – *MLK Commission and Guests*

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Robert Rendon moved to approve the minutes from Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Jasen Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Overview of 25th Anniversary– *Dr. Forrest Crawford*

Commission agreed on December 10, 2015 for the Martin Luther King Jr. 25th Anniversary Celebration event to align with the Commemoration for the Declaration of Human Rights Day. The location of the event will be at the Capitol Rotunda. A goal for the event is bringing back former members of the commission; Dr. Crawford is working on tracking down these individuals. Goals to keep in mind for this event are engaging as many of the community sectors as possible, such as public schools, legislators, and refugee communities. The planning committee is developing the program, which will bring dignity to current commission members and past commission members. They discussed possible tangible gifts for attendees. Dr. Crawford emphasized the importance of this being a networking event to connect and make partnerships with the community.

Subcommittee of Logistics Highlights – *Beth Garstka and Adrienne Andrews*

The subcommittee is working on the structure of the event, with the goal that it will promote equity, diversity, and human rights. An estimated 750-900 people are expected to attend, including all sectors of the community. In discussing the theme, “drum major for justice” was an idea. Keynote speaker possibilities were Reverend Jasmine Mimitzraiem, Dr. Deforest B. Soaries, and Reverend France Davis. In acknowledging Human Rights Day, they are including offices of diversity and human rights. Claudia Nakano was suggested as a possible presenter. To keep the event in celebration mode, they want to incorporate the drumming idea, with drums from each continent tying it in with serving our communities. A call to action would have displays of the King Commission’s work over the years in the community and include a bookmark to promote the website. In hopes that there is a real commitment to a call to action, ideas of Post-it sticky notes will say “I will...” to be placed on butcher paper and be used for social media. Community members suggested the emotion factor for the event by keeping the focus on current social justice leaders and utilizing resources like social media and videos.

Summit County/Park City Communities Discussion – *Commission and Guests*

A conversation of strengthening networks within Park City members and commission members was discussed. General ideas were passed back and forth from commission members and community members to approach certain issues in the community and tackling them proactively.

2015 Commission Meetings

August 27 at 10 AM – East Senate Building
September 2 at 10 AM – Rio Grande Board Room
October 7 at 10 AM – Westminster College
November 4 at 10 AM – University of Utah
December 2 at 10 AM – Rio Grande Board Room

2015 Monthly Events/Other Business – *Commission Discussion*

Dr. Rob Harter mentioned the Juneteenth event hosted by Jasen Lee was successful. He explained the variety of topics discussed including: human rights, the humanities, and ethnicities. Progression in society was taken into consideration when discussing what was happening.

Robert Rendon – Sponsorship and fundraising opportunities, budget proposals, food costs, and general finance was discussed regarding the anniversary event.

Jenny Hor brought up the possibility of a joint commission meeting in August.

Adjourn

MOTION: Jasen Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Nkoyo Iyamba seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27 from 10 to 11:30 AM in the Copper Room of the East Senate Building.