

Members Present: Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Christiana Akins, Ann Kamensky,

Other: Jack Curtis, Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

### Minutes

1. Minutes from 6/3/21 approved unanimously.
2. Recap of Juneteenth
  - a. Committee would like to consider a speaking portion for next year
  - b. Committee also brought up having the stage/DJ/speakers near the concrete park area for those with mobility limitations.
3. Follow up on potential summer programming
  - a. Caitlin reached out to the Rec Department and they confirmed that they will be doing 4 summer concert series and the Brookline Road Race this year. They were interested in hearing about a potential collaboration. Josh Cooke would be the contact.
  - b. Rob gave the Committee some more information on Reggie Harris
    - i. – New folk album, wrist is healed and he is performing again and he seems interested in doing something with us. Rob was not able to connect via phone but will try again before the next meeting.
    - ii. – Reggie has been doing education about Race and facilitating racial discussions for some time.
    - iii. – He is the cofounder of the Legacy Project
    - iv. – Reggie is a very good host with amazing guests and is an engaging and provoking performer.
    - v. – There is a potential for Reggie to be the keynote performance/piece of the MLK Day event; directly related to civil rights movement and possibly able to highlight and connect to current activists in the movement.
  - c. Scott Alarik might be a nice prelude to MLK Day event. Jack informed the committee that Scott did a presentation of the history of “We Shall Overcome” this past weekend.
4. MLK Day Event 2022
  - a. Most likely we will be back in the Coolidge Corner Theatre
  - b. We will ask BIG to live stream and record
  - c. We will put together the 2 minutes RLA winners compilation. Caitlin will work with BIG to record the students.
  - d. The community would like to see more engagement/performances
  - e. We will see if Reggie Harris is available.
    - i.
5. Next Meeting
  - a. July 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM