

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting
Thursday October 21, 2021
10:30 AM
Virtual - Zoom

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

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Minutes

1. 9/23 min approved
2. 2022 MLK Discussion
 - a. 3 Kiosks requested from Jan 3-Jan 19th
 - b. Kristin has agreed to do poster, but would like to use a new image. Committee discussed possibly using the Charcoal Drawing of MLK that is at Pierce. Rob will speak with Martha Robinson to see if we would have permission to use for our poster.
 - c. Unfortunately, Dr. Moss will be unable to be the speaker at our event, however he would like to collaborate with us, possibly in February for a separate event.
 - d. Bernard recommended several potential speakers (that he may be able to connect with through Swarthmore College):
 - i. – *Paul Cato*: a credible scholar, rising academic. He is giving a talk this week and the Committee would like to view the recording once it is available.
 1. If not Paul, possibly a similar type of up and coming academic.
 2. Christina can do some work to see if there is someone up and coming in the Harvard academic community that may be a good fit.
 - ii. – Glenn Loury – used to live in Brookline; was a controversial conservative political figure, however in late 1990s he rejected these ideas and became “fairly liberal” – would provide provocative ideas and challenge thinking. Committee was uncomfortable with his past.
 - iii. – Sanjay Richards – a conversation on the experience of Black Police Officers, possibly in conjunction with current Brookline officers of color. Committee liked this idea, however thought it would be more appropriate for a separate program so as not to take the focus too far from Celebrating MLK.
 - iv. – Cheryl Sanders – religious/racial justice point of view.
 - e. Caitlin recommend reaching out to Ceclia Nardi at BU about two potential speakers:
 - i. – Robert Tsai – Election Law and Voting Right Reform Professor
 - ii. – Jasmine Gonzales Rose – BU Center for Antiracist Research and Policy
 - iii. – Caitlin will reach out to Cecilia
 - f. Joe Kennedy – possible connections on voting rights? Ann will reach out?
 - g. Crystal Williams – was not able to participate last year, another possibility, although not too much connection to voting rights if Committee chooses to stick to that theme.
 - h. Ann recommended BU MLK Fellowship scholar George Boatang.
3. Next Meeting: **Thursday November 4th at 1PM**