

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting
Thursday November 18, 2021
10:30 AM
Virtual - Zoom

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

Public: Shawn O'Neal

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Minutes

1. 11/4/21 min approved with edits made to spelling of two names
2. Discussion of 2022 Event
 - a. Prof. Robert Tsai – Bernard and Caitlin met with Prof. Tsai. He is interested and willing to come up with a keynote on Voting Rights and the broader context of where it sits in equity issues. For example: civic participation, jury pools.
 - Making Civic Participation and Voting Rights real/Practical Equality
 - Confirmed as speaker for MLK Day 2022
 - b. Discussion of Q&A with audience participation
 - Questions written by audience, collected and read by MLK Committee member?
 - Discussion of possibly collecting/polling audience prior about interests and questions for Prof Tsai to address in keynote. However, given timing, holidays and current lack of PR material this might be tough to do time wise.
 - Caitlin WILL post resource links with promotion so audience can do some reading prior if interested.
 - Bernard will talk to Ben Kaufmann to see if there are current concerns on voting here in Brookline.
 - Caitlin will reach out to Betsy DeWitt (LWV) for same
 - Committee will share any info learned with Prof Tsai.
 - c. Kuumba Singers Update
 - Christiana sent out our ideas and the group met yesterday and will let Christina know and she will update the Committee ASAP.
 - d. Collaboration with KI
 - Caitlin will reach out to Rabbi Hamilton and Hadassah to invite them to the next meeting to get an update on their planning.
 - 5 min and space in printed program on MLK/Heschel relationship and dedication of walkway and Inspo:Expo.
 - e. Caitlin will draft the scheduled timeline of event and share with Committee.
 - f. Caitlin will attempt to retrieve and share the historical timeline and Committee will share updated events and images to include.
 - g. Rob has meeting with BCF today and will bring up the possibility of sponsoring MLK Day.
 - Propose a sponsorship for MLK Day and apply for grant for Spring event?
 - h. Poster – received a high resolution image and Kristin can start blocking out text on poster. Caitlin will send Rob QR code for MLK Committee website to be on poster.
 - i. ASL – Caitlin will have the request made

- j. Important to note during promotion: Coolidge Corner is requiring proof of vaccination and has an indoor mask mandate. *Make sure this is prominent on EventBrite and website!*
- 3. Day of Service Events
 - a. Inspo:Expo?
 - b. Notice in printed program and all promotional materials about how to donate to Brookline Food Pantry, BCF Safety Net and Mutual Aid
- 4. Next Meeting
 - a. Thursday Dec 2nd at 1PM