

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION MEETING
November 12, 2014
Board of Commissioners Conference Room
11:45 a.m.

Members Present

Elaine Lucas, Chair
Rabbi Larry Schlesinger
Mike Gardner
Sam Henderson

Members Absent

Dr. Henry Ficklin
Rev. Evans Brown
June O'Neal
Dr. Andy Ambrose
Tony Lowden

Others in Attendance

Dominique Johnson
Ron Wildman, News Media
Mike Ware
Tonya Parker, Tubman Museum
Joyce Humphrey

Call to order by Chair Elaine Lucas called the meeting to order and requested that members and others in attendance introduce themselves.

The Commission discussed the makeup of the committee and possible appointment of new members. Chair Elaine Lucas reported that there are two vacancies on the Commission.

Sec. 2-773. - Commission members—Appointments.

The commission shall consist of eleven (11) members, one (1) of whom shall be the Chairman of the Community Resources and Development Committee, or his designee, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Mayor's administrative staff, and one (1) of whom shall be the Superintendent of the Bibb County Board of Education. The remaining members shall be appointed by the Mayor from members of the community and shall be approved by a majority of the Commission. In making appointments from among the members of the community, the Mayor shall be mindful of the goal of the Commission to promote racial harmony, understanding, community service, respect, diversity and goodwill among all citizens. Each member shall serve for a term of five (5) years, or until a successor is appointed and confirmed.

Rev. Dominique Johnson expressed an interest in serving on the commission and gave a brief synopsis of his qualifications and work experience.

Larry Schlesinger moved, seconded by Mike Gardner, to recommend that Mayor Reichert appoint Rev. Johnson to the Commission. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Lucas, Gardner, Schlesinger and Henderson voted yes.

APPROVED.

Chair Elaine Lucas asked Sam Henderson to request that Mayor Reichert place the appointment of Rev. Johnson, Superintendent of Bibb County Board of Education and the reappointments of Mike Gardner and Rev. Evans Brown on the November 18, 2014 Commission Meeting for referral.

Joyce Humphrey, Clerk, reported that she did not receive responses on the notification of today's meeting from June O'Neal and Tony Lowden. Larry Schlesinger advised that he will check with Tony Lowden to see if he is still interested in serving on the Commission.

Chair Elaine Lucas reported that Rev. Ronald Terry and Rev. Wayne Anthony are also interested in serving on the Commission

Chair Elaine Lucas requested that each Commission member submit a one page bio with picture for the web page.

Commission discussed suggestions for the MLK Day events, calendar and web page.

Event for Calendar:

Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet & Awards Ceremony/1-18-15 (Presented by Mike Gardner)

Possible events:

December Kickoff News Conference
Gospel Concert (John Dunaway and Sarah Hunt)
Day On Day Off (Check with Volunteer Macon)

Organizations to invite to next meeting:

Evangelical Ministers Alliance (Pastor Lisa Watson and Dr. Mary Butler)
Baptist Ministers Union (Rev. James Mann)
National Action Network (Sarah Hunt)

Next Meeting – November 26, 2009 @ 11:45 a.m.