

Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Council
June 08, 2017

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present – Rusty Haygood

Members Present by Phone– Emanuel Jones, Toney Collins, Christine Miller-Betts, Barbara Harrison

Members Absent – Dr. Thomas Smith, LaQuoia Singleton, Demarius Brinkley, Rita Jackson-Samuels

On June 08, 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 2:43 PM by Chairman Emanuel Jones. A quorum was present.

Following introductions, approval of the minutes from the April and May 2017 meeting were unanimous after motion by Emanuel Jones.

Chairman Emanuel Jones presented to the council the question “How best to spend funds allocated through the state funds?” Questioned the council if there were any activities for the King Center. Chairman Jones also

Toney Collins will head the committee on the Bell Ringing Ceremony on the top of Stone Mountain every April 4th to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. King’s Assassination. Toney suggested this should be a pilgrimage to take place every year around April 4th. Toney Collins motioned to move forward and all were in favor.

Haygood provided an update that the Council’s account balance as of May 31, 2017 was \$11,754.37. There were no outstanding obligations of the Council. Rusty Haygood informed the Council that \$5,000 was donated by Carl Fite on behalf of ITA, LLC. Rusty Haygood will research further into sending a tax donation form to Carl Fite on behalf of ITA, LLC in which a thank you letter will be drafted as soon as the check clears the bank.

Chairman Emanuel Jones updated the group on the statue project. It will be located near the corner of Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and will have a plaza built around the statue. Unveiling of the statue will be coordinated with The King Center. The statue is on track however, no ground has been moved at this time. Chairman Jones goals is to have the statue revealed in January 2018. No date has been set for the program. Jones received funds from the state in the amount of \$50,000 set aside for the new budget beginning July 1, 2017 for the Council.

Chairman Jones requested someone to head a committee to submit a formal request letter to the Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum to Chief Executive Officer, Deereck Kayongo. Christine Miller-Betts volunteered to spear head the project and be the point of contact.

Harrison shared that The King Center would be contacting someone in regards to having Martin Luther King III to be the keynote speaker and his availability. Chairman Jones asked Barbara Harrison if she would head the committee to contact the Georgia Building Authority regarding the grounds that the statue will be erected on and contact the Capitol Arts Standards Commission regarding the display for the capitol. Also, Barbara questioned about Camp NOW and if the council would donate \$1,500.00 for students to attend camp on June 19th through June 30th. She recommended that each student would receive a letter. Barbara made a motion and Christine Miller-Betts second the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

And in August, there will be celebrations highlighting the 55th Anniversary of the “I Have a Dream” speech.

There was no old business.

In new business, Jones requested that the group work diligently to suggest speakers, agencies or person for awards in honor the legacy of Dr. King at the next Council’s next meeting.

Toney Collins questioned about having a website to post of all those that donated to the council to be recognized. Jones will evaluate the request. Toney also inquired about letterhead so information about the council will be distributed to various churches. Collin will comprise a letterhead and have Rusty Haygood to approve.

The Council’s next meeting was set for July 13 at 2:30 PM on a conference call.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

Kimberly DuPree, Secretary

Date