Minutes from the Peace Commission Meeting, November 26, 2013

Commission Members Present: Frank Connelly, Larry Kim
City Staff Present: Brian Corr, V. Muna Kangsen

Commission Members Absent: Karen Coleman

Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Executive Director's Report
Executive Director Corr reviewed current Peace Commission projects as described in the annual report, and described in more detail the Police Chaplaincy program and the Cambridge-Haiti Sister City Project.

Ideas for Future Meetings
Corr and members of the Commission discussed ideas for "relaunching" the Peace Commission by clarifying the role of the Commission and its members and focusing on less frequent, but more in-depth meetings that focus on sharing information and supporting community building within the framework of the ordinance that created the Peace Commission. Commission members agreed to meet quarterly.

Upcoming Events
The Peace Commission's annual Martin Luther King Commemoration and Remembrance will take place on January 20, 2014, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cambridge. Larry Kim will offer remarks and Veronique Epiter will perform. Commission members discussed ways to generate press coverage for the event. The Cambridge Haiti Sister City Committee Project will be formally launched on February 4, 2014, at an event in the Central Square Theater. The Annual Commemoration of the Holocaust is tentively scheduled for May 7 or 8, pending final arrangements with a speaker for the event.

Election of the Chair
Frank Connelly was elected Chair of the Peace Commission by acclamation.

Documents Used
• Agenda for November 26, 2013
• Peace Commission section of the City of Cambridge 2012/2013 Annual Report
• Ordinance establishing the Peace Commission 30 years ago
• Draft for discussion of a "Cambridge Peace Commission Charter"

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at noon.