



Cambridge Peace Commission

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Peace Commission Meeting • January 15, 2020

Commission Members Present: Co-Chair Elka Kuhlman, Co-Chair Larry Kim, Georges Atallah, April Crehan, Kaza Fraley, Amelia Joselow, David Seeman

City Staff Present: Executive Director Brian Corr, CPD Deputy Superintendent Rob Lowe

Call to Order: Co-Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Commission Member Kuhlman moved to approve the November minutes and Commission Member Seeman seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- ED Corr reported that planning has been going well for this year's Martin Luther King Day Commemoration on January 20. With Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley as keynote speaker, there is a need for more volunteers this year and attendance is expected to be high.
- He also reported that he is working with the City Manager's Office on a press release announcing that the Peace Commission will be seeking additional members, and that will be posted after the MLK Day Commemoration.

Working with Race: The Power of an Illusion

- ED Corr reported that he reserved the Lecture Hall and the Community Room at the Cambridge Public Library for the evening of Thursday, March 12 from 6:00 to 8:30.
- ED Corr explained that he spoke with the Citizens Committee on Civic Unity, which is very excited to cosponsoring the events, and reminded him that they had originally asked the City to purchase the videos along with a license that permits public screenings.
- One of the members of that Committee, Laura Mosman Smith, uses the videos and specialized curriculum materials as part of staff training at the Cambridge Public Schools. She agreed to help with the planning.
- The Commission spent time discussing the possible format, structure, and materials for the event. This information will be fed to a working group that will help ED Corr develop a plan for the event. The working group will consist of Atallah, Joselow, Kuhlman, Mosman Smith, Seeman, and Corr.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM on a motion from Commission Member Seeman, seconded by Commission Member Atallah, approved by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Peace Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 51 Inman St. in the Second Floor Conference Room.