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Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration/Juneteenth Celebration
Advisory Committee***

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 23, 2025
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hearn called the special meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee to order at 6:32 P.M. at the Culver City Senior Center.

Present: LaToya Hearn, Chair
Karna Bibbins-McKeever, Member
Lisa Gordon Cain, Member
Christian Green, Member
Anasia Obioha, Member
Curtis Raynor, Member
Andrew Weiss, Member

Absent: Amber Kearney, Vice Chair
Carissa Joy Smith, Member

Staff: Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst
Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst
Melanie Morales, Recreation and Community Services Coordinator
Edgar Varela, Special Events Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, reported that no public comment had been received for Items NOT On the Agenda.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar

None.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

MLKJCC – Election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee

Chair Hearn discussed her experience serving as both Chair and Vice Chair; the importance of meeting attendance and communication with Committee Members to propel the Committee forward; and she opened up the floor for nominations.

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY MEMBER WEISS AND SECONDED BY CHAIR HEARNS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SELECT MEMBER BIBBINS-MCKEEVER TO SERVE AS CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH
ABSTAIN: OBIOHA

Members thanked former Chair Hearns for her service leading the Committee.

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SELECT MEMBER HEARNS TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Item A-2

MLKJCC – Introduction of the Newly Appointed Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee Member

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves to new Committee Member Obioha.

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, reminded Members of procedures for providing feedback.

Member Obioha introduced herself and provided background on herself.

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, indicated that Special Events Manager, Edgar Varela is in charge of the Juneteenth portion of the Committee.

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, clarified that Juneteenth falls under the Economic Development Department whereas the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration falls under Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS).

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Item A-3

MLKJCC - Receipt and Filing of a Presentation on City Council Policy Statement No. 3002, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee's Bylaws, the Brown Act, and Rules of Order

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding daisy chain and hub and spoke communication; quorum; the ability to change the bylaws with a resolution passed by the City Council; attendance requirements; Member ability to make a motion at any time; ensuring Members have the opportunity to ask questions; the process for adding items to an agenda; encouragement to email the secretary for the Committee; the importance of using City email over private email; public records requests; group texts; clarification that Committee Members should be going through the secretary, not communicating with each other; the importance of letting staff know when a Member is going to be late or not able to attend a meeting; the process to cancel a meeting if a quorum is not available to meet vs. the process if a meeting is not cancelled and a quorum does not show up; subcommittees; ensuring the Secretary is cc'd on email communication; support for use of email communication rather than text; being respectful of everyone's time; the importance of being present and on time; meaningful participation in subcommittees; meeting location; voice votes vs. electronic voting; clarification that the use of Council Chambers is reserved for the City Council and for Commissions; AB1234; ethics and Brown

Act training provided to different bodies; concern with taking up an hour of meeting time with Brown Act training; training provided to new Members; and a suggestion to provide an abbreviated presentation in the future.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that Members have to attend meetings in person; the ability to watch a meeting online, but not to participate as a Member; clarification that Members can socialize with each other but cannot discuss Committee business; public notification when an individual takes part in a meeting remotely that requires public posting of the address they are participating from; and notice to Committee Members when other Members will not be present.

MOVED BY MEMBER GREEN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION ON CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT 3002 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S BYLAWS, THE BROWN ACT, AND RULES OF ORDER.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Item A-4

MLKJCC - Receipt and Filing an Evaluation from the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee Members Concerning the Juneteenth Event that took place on June 21, 2025

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the historical markers exhibit; the QR code; the importance of making the public aware of historical facts;

business owners in the Culver City area that want to participate next year; positive feedback received; attendance levels; improving on the time the food is served; glare that made it hard to see the In Memoriam display; speed of the slides in the display; the passport system; the date range that Culver City was considered a Sundown Town; a suggestion to include a historical marker showing the realities of the consequences of slavery and Jim Crow; multiple layers and factors regarding incarceration; concern with displaying statistics without context; previewing educational material prior to printing; facts that were not shared with the Committee in advance; concern that not everyone was on the same page with the educational information that was given at the event; the need for full Committee review of educational material; information left out regarding the history of the event; a recommendation that the full Committee review information before items go to press; jurisdiction; and the missed opportunity to take advantage of Committee expertise.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding information shared months prior to the event; the addition of the graphics and the date range for the Sundown slide by PRCS; approval of the concept by the full Committee, not the details; the need to improve security; positive feedback on food quality and vendor; concern with the length of the food lines; having pre-made plates; the need for multiple food trucks to accommodate the scale; the children's table; relocation of the children's area due to difficulty of hearing the books being read; the importance of providing water, food, and a space for the entertainers; mic checks; ensuring there are no audio issues; concern that there was no water available for entertainers and attendees; lack of knowledge about who the vendors were; assigning a lead to help manage vendor and entertainment contracts; the need for clarity on the budget; key items that were not done; the need for a clear run of show template including vendors, key contacts, being clear on who the audience is; promotional materials for the event using old and outdated images; the importance of allowing the Committee to review promotional materials before they are distributed; allowing the Committee to help distribute promotional materials; logistics; improvements that can be made to enhance the event; the importance of proactive communication to provide information when changes occur; receipt of information before the meeting; assignment of one

communications lead and one person to handle vendor logistics as a point of contact; the need for a reoccurring pre-event audit to review all marketing materials; creating a standard run of show template with flexibility for additions; and ensuring that people understand roles and responsibilities.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that the event was within the budget; having a running budget so the Committee knows where to push and pull; the need for an accurate run of show with accurate speakers; a suggestion to dissolve vague ad hoc subcommittees and create more specific ad hoc subcommittees; subcommittee updates at each meeting; communication with staff to agendize subcommittee reports; information included in staff reports released 72 hours in advance of meetings; the need for one person to take the lead on a subcommittee to contact staff to get items on the agenda; success of the History and Culture Ad Hoc Subcommittee in scheduling regular meetings, sharing ideas, understanding roles and the topic; similar issues with the MLK event that were experienced with the Juneteenth event; ensuring that feedback from prior events is applied; creation of a handbook for each event with staff reports, Committee feedback, and attendance numbers; creation of a distribution list for events; staff agreement to include an attachment to the staff report when the presentation of statistics is made; linking the evite emails to the listserv; 1,500 signed up to receive email blasts; ensuring that people are aware of events and proclamations; and the intent to increase promotion and improve the event.

MOVED BY MEMBER GREEN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE AN EVALUATION FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION & JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE JUNETEENTH EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 21, 2025.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Item A-5

**MLKJCC – Receipt and Filing of the Report Regarding the 2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Budget**

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding amount of money available for the 2026 Juneteenth event and for the 2026 MLK event; the budget letter; the similar budget for Juneteenth from Economic Development for 2025 and for 2026; budget cuts made in the City; clarification that the events are in the top 5 event budgets in the City; the need to approach the City Council if additional money is requested; approval of the request for additional money for the MLK event, but not for the Juneteenth event; the need for transparency on the final budget; allocation of the budgets from different departments for the different events; the budget process; understanding what is being submitted to the City Council for approval; concern that the request for Juneteenth was not translated; the ability of the Committee to submit a letter and a Committee Member to address the City Council and advocate for the requested budget; reevaluation of subcommittees; the need for a report on previous events before deciding how much to allocate for different elements of upcoming events; and staff agreement to bring back an allocated budget at the next meeting for consideration and adjustment.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GREEN THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT REGARDING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Item A-6

MLKJCC – (1) Approval of a Venue for the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration; and (2) Approval of the Date and Time for the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Adam Ferguson, Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff agreement to share information about venue costs; weather considerations; support for aiming for higher capacity venues; potential dates; parking; paying homage to seniors if the event is held at the Senior Center; a suggestion to hold the event in February for Black History Month; holding the event indoors at Veterans Auditorium so weather is not a factor; length of the event; incorporation of a service project; state requirements for a certain number of service hours for students to graduate; support for a two day event; providing more opportunities to participate; a suggestion to use the Ivy Station and not to vote on the length of the event until the subcommittees meets; reservations required with the use of non-PRCS facilities; clarification that dates have not been released yet for neighboring events; the feeling that any venue with a capacity of less than 100 people should not be considered; the indoor/outdoor space at the Wende Museum; historical content; the video submission contest last year; different rooms available at Veterans Auditorium; flexibility; the 2025 turnout as compared to previous years; support for an indoor/outdoor event; and benefits to using Town Plaza.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding allowing for inclusivity and not running into other events by holding the event in February; the fact that Culver City does not do anything for Black History Month; the potential for other funding opportunities; support for choosing a date and adjusting it if necessary; subcommittee consideration; checking location availability; and concern with convoluting MLK with Black History Month.

MOVED BY MEMBER RAYNOR AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE VETERANS MEMORIAL FOR THE LOCATION
OF THE 2026 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GREEN
THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE FEBRUARY 7, 2026, IN
THE AFTERNOON FOR THE 2026 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GREEN
NOES: GORDON CAIN, HEARNS, OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Vice Chair Hearns moved that the Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration be held on January 17, 2026, with the potential
for a two-day event on January 17-18 based upon discussions of
the subcommittee. Commissioner Weiss seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members
regarding the missed opportunity for open discussion, and a
reminder for Members not to speak out of turn and to allow the
Chair to recognize them for comment.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT
THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE JANUARY 17, 2026 FOR
THE 2026 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION WITH THE POTENTIAL
FOR A TWO-DAY EVENT BASED UPON SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: GORDON CAIN, HEARNS, OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GREEN
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Roberts Rules; the importance of waiting to be recognized by the Chair before speaking; availability of the venue; the ability to reserve the venue and cancel if need be; and agendizing a discussion of room usage at Veterans Memorial at the next meeting.

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Item A-7

MLKJCC – Adoption of Motions to (1) Appoint/Reappoint Members to Serve on Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Juneteenth Celebration Ad Hoc Subcommittees; and (2) Provide Updates, if any

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding combining some of the subcommittees; a suggestion to form an Ad Hoc Vendor Subcommittee, an Ad Hoc Run of Show Subcommittee, and a College and High School Outreach Ad Hoc Subcommittee; a suggestion to combine the History and Culture Subcommittees for MLK and Juneteenth; the purpose of the Ad Hoc Olympics Subcommittee; subcommittee membership; the motion made at the last meeting to form a subcommittee for outreach to the High School; ambiguity with one subcommittee that did not understand their scope; ensuring subcommittee scope is very specific; new subcommittees being proposed; the suggestion to include the Student Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee under communication at the last meeting; overlap with the recommendation for a College and Student Subcommittee; a recommendation to form a subcommittee for all student engagement; the different purpose for each event; clarification around vendors; a suggestion to keep the History and Culture Subcommittees different for each event due to different interest levels in one event over another; willingness to serve; creation one PR and Marketing and Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee for both events; the feeling that culture is a part of PR, communications, and entertainment as well as history; ensuring the food and non-food components are included in the vendor subcommittee; and including community partners with vendors.

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GORDON CAIN THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. DISSOLVE THE PR AND MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
2. DISSOLVE THE ENTERTAINMENT AND TALENT FOR THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
3. DISSOLVE THE ENTERTAINMENT AND TALENT FOR THE MLK CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
4. FORM A PR MARKETING AND ENTERTAINMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, OBIOHA,
RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: HEARNS
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GREEN THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPOINT MEMBERS GREEN, OBIOHA, RAYNOR, AND CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER TO SERVE ON THE PR MARKETING AND ENTERTAINMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding other subcommittees that need to be dissolved; adding education to the History and Culture Ad Hoc Subcommittee; different meanings for the word culture; the education component; a suggestion for a specific ad hoc subcommittee for

college and high school outreach; concern that culture is vague and a part of all of the subcommittees; a suggestion to remove culture from any of the subcommittees; support for leaving the subcommittees as is; holding super-focused subcommittee meetings; support for having a subcommittee for outreach to the middle school, high school and college; removing the term culture and adding the term education; doing outreach under the history and education subcommittee; concern with not getting timely updates; streamlining processes; terminology; keeping student engagement separate; support for removing the word culture; ambiguity with the word education; educating the public vs. reaching out to schools; and clarification that the Chair can invite nominations under Roberts Rules of Order.

Member Obioha exited the meeting.

MOVED BY MEMBER GREEN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. DISSOLVE THE HISTORY AND CULTURE FOR JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
2. DISSOLVE THE HISTORY AND CULTURE FOR MLK JR. CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
3. CREATE A HISTORY AND EDUCATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: HEARNS
ABSENT: KEARNEY, OBIOHA, SMITH

Member Obioha returned to the meeting.

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPOINT VICE CHAIR HEARNS, AND MEMBERS GORDON CAIN, RAYNOR, AND WEISS TO SERVE ON THE HISTORY AND EDUCATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, OBIOHA,
RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: HEARNS
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding creation of a separate student subcommittee vs. including outreach to students as part of the communication subcommittee; and creation of a student engagement ad hoc subcommittee for MLK and Juneteenth.

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER RAYNOR THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: CREATE A STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPOINT MEMBERS GREEN, GORDON CAIN AND RAYNOR TO SERVE ON THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding vendors under PR Marketing Entertainment and Run of Show; a recommendation to place food by itself; creation of a vendor subcommittee that includes food and non-food vendors, including non-profits; and ensuring that vendors are appropriate and applicable to the event.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNES AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GREEN THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: FORM A FOOD AND NON-FOOD VENDOR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNES,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

MOVED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GREEN THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPOINT CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, VICE CHAIR HEARNES, AND MEMBERS GREEN AND OBIOHA, TO SERVE ON THE FOOD AND NON-FOOD VENDOR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNES,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding pre-existing ad hoc subcommittees; a recommendation to allow people to stay on their subcommittees if they choose to; the ability to appoint and reappoint at any time; absent Members; preferences for reappointments; filling vacant spots; and support for deferring subcommittees with absent Committee Members to the next meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding updates from subcommittees; the \$10,000 raised from their budget letter; a successful meeting with the principals from the middle school and the high school; enthusiasm for student participation in events; the Civic Seal of Engagement; Ethnic Studies; AP (Advanced Placement) classes; musical offerings as part of entertainment for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration; the dance team at the high school; the potential for a short video contest; contact information for

teachers; email outreach at the end of August; development of a conversation earlier in the school year to explore ideas; the potential to do a documentary; participation by student volunteers; a suggestion to invite Committee Members to preview student performances prior to inviting them to perform; a suggestion that the middle school chorus back up a professional singer; and potential collaboration with the Bloom Arts Foundation.

MOVED BY MEMBER RAYNOR AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Item A-8

MLKJCC - Receipt and Filing of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee 2025 Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items List, With Adjustments, If Any

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, reminded Committee Members that the August 20, 2025 meeting had been cancelled and a special meeting would be held on August 27, 2025; she reminded Committee Members to get her any materials they wanted included in the agenda the week of August 19; and she indicated that they would be discussing high school student engagement and finalize the event date, venue, and start time for the MLK celebration at the next meeting.

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, indicated that he would be reaching out to the subcommittees within the next two days.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff assigned to subcommittees who will reach out to members; updates to the calendar; the standing item to discuss subcommittee membership at each meeting; updating the budget for the year; selection of a Committee Member to represent the Committee at a Council meeting; a request to add the budget letter as an agenda item at the next meeting; staff agreement to update the staff report on the 2025 Juneteenth event to include a budget discussion; understanding how much everything cost; consideration of a tentative budget allocation at the next meeting; staff agreement to send an email to remind Committee Members about attendance and letting staff know when they cannot be present; a request that staff send out meeting reminders for subcommittees to provide their information prior to the meeting; a recommendation that subcommittee members bring items before the full Committee before providing information to teachers at the middle and high school; providing contact information to staff for distribution to subcommittee members; and items to be considered at the September meeting including the staff report on the 2025 Juneteenth event updated with the budget and the review of the draft Run of Show for the MLK event.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HEARNS AND SECONDED BY CHAIR BIBBINS-MCKEEVER THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR WITH ADJUSTMENTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BIBBINS-MCKEEVER, GORDON CAIN, GREEN, HEARNS,
OBIOHA, RAYNOR, WEISS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, SMITH

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Public Comment - Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Bibbins-McKeever invited public comment.

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, indicated that no requests to speak had been received for Public Comment - Items NOT On the Agenda.

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Items from Members/Staff

Dorian Jackson, Associate Analyst, announced that Wicked would be screened at Veterans Memorial Auditorium on July 26 with a costume contest and the Historical Society would be displaying their Dorothy memorabilia.

Member Green received clarification that Committee Members could attend events together but were not allowed to discuss Committee business; he invited everyone to the Black Women for Wellness event on August 7, 2025; asked about setting up a table for the Power of the Vote event on November 4, 2025 at West Los Angeles College; indicated that he was co-hosting an LA Tech event; and he thanked staff for their patience with everyone.

Member Gordon Cain wanted to have a baby shower for Vice Chair Hearn and she received clarification that they could socialize, but were not allowed to talk about Committee Business.

Vice Chair Hearn thanked Chair Bibbins-McKeever for her leadership as Chair.

Chair Bibbins-McKeever expressed appreciation for being appointed Chair and indicated her intent to make each meeting run efficiently.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:53 P.M., the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee adjourned to a meeting to be held on August 27, 2025.

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Dorian Jackson
SECRETARY of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and
Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee

APPROVED _____

KARENA BIBBINS-MCKEEVER
CHAIR of the Culver City Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date