

City of Keene  
New Hampshire

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. /JONATHAN DANIELS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

5:00 PM

Room 12 Rec. Center

**Members Present:**

Bill Hay, Chair  
Jan Manwaring  
Dottie Morris (Late)  
Melanie Everard, Vice-Chair (Late)

**Staff Present:**

Andrew Bohannon, Parks & Rec. Director

**Members Not Present:**

**1) Call to Order and Roll Call -**

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. Roll call was conducted.

**2) Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2018**

Ms. Manwaring motioned to approve the minutes of June, 2018 as submitted. Ms. Morris seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**3) Finance Report –**

Mr. Bohannon reported a current balance of \$8,824.70 including the transfer of \$500 from the City.

Ms. Manwaring made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented. Ms. Morris seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**4) Walldogs Request for Funds –**

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Mr. Bohannon distributed copies of the Walldogs brochure. He reported speaking with Judy Rogers who informed him that Jonathan Daniels has been selected for one of the murals. Mr. Bohannon referred to the chart in the brochure explaining the funding level benefits. He continued the Committee has to determine how much of the budget they want to commit. Chair Hay asked where the Jonathan Daniels mural would be located. Mr. Bohannon replied he did not know and noted the public meeting will be held on September 28, 2018 from 5 to 8 PM. Mr. Bohannon also supplied Ms. Rogers with additional resources to learn more about Jonathan Daniels.

Ms. Morris commented knowing the fate of this Committee would help in making this decision.

Mr. Bohannon indicated the Committee would be moving forward and not merging with another group. He intends to incorporate information supplied by Ms. Morris regarding the College/diversity into what is put forward to the City after the SWOT analysis is complete. With the Committee continuing Ms. Morris suggested the Committee not offer its total budget to the Walldogs. Mr. Bohannon suggested the Committee could give an amount now and after the Committee is redefined you could vote to give additional funds.

Ms. Morris motioned to approve \$5,000 to sponsor the Walldogs Magical History Tour. Ms. Everard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### **5) SWOT Exercise-**

Mr. Bohannon referred to his email explaining the SWOT exercise: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats – as an opportunity to make this committee shine. He began by asking the Committee members to think about:

- The mission/vision,
- What they have done recently as a Committee member
- What they want to be as a Committee
- What they want the City to be
- What the College, School District, Council, or citizen groups may bring to help move this Committee forward

The results of the exercise are included as the last page here in table format. Mr. Bohannon recommended Committee members send him any additional comments they may have to offer as soon as possible.

#### **6) New Business – Nothing at this time.**

Mission and Vision-

#### **7) Adjourn-**

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There being no further business Chair Hay adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.

**Next meeting date:** October 3, 2018

Committee members agreed to continue meeting at the Recreation Center. Mr. Bohannon will notify the City Clerk's office of the permanent location change.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute Taker  
September 6, 2018

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to do work -City -Community</li> <li>• Dedicated members</li> <li>• Cultural understanding of the vision of MLK/JD, Human Rights</li> <li>• Relationship with KSC</li> <li>• Relationship with schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment process</li> <li>• Retention</li> <li>• What we do- communications</li> <li>• Providing proper educational materials to schools</li> <li>• Understanding of partnerships</li> <li>• More emphasis on Human Rights</li> <li>• Relationship with Antioch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broaden mission to community</li> <li>• Educate about JD to School District and Community</li> <li>• Principles of JD/MLK</li> <li>• Timeliness of current events</li> <li>• Approach through Arts</li> <li>• School project contest -Scholarship</li> <li>• Community Master Class -Library grants -Historical Society</li> <li>• More collaborations -Library -Interfaith</li> <li>• Increase relationship with educational community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial obligations</li> <li>• Adding one more thing to School District</li> <li>• Time</li> <li>• Staff</li> </ul>