

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION



DATE: September 13, 2017

TITLE: Martin Luther King Peace and Unity Walk

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RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and approve whether the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission should allocate funds for this event.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Martin Luther King Sub-Committee has been re-organized twice. Chair Berry and Vice Chair Grant helped organize the 2017 MLK Peace and Unity Walk because of the absence of former Commissioner Sheppard before his resignation from the Commission.

Commissioner Sheppard was unaware when committee meetings were and his present schedule was conflicting. The Commission voted on Chair Berry to be the city liaison.

Presently, Vice Chair Grant is the city liaison for the Sub-Committee. Both Commissioners Berry and Grant were not informed of a May meeting and the Commission at the July 2017 meeting was given a wrong date for the MLK meeting in August. The City of Desert Hot Springs is responsible for creating events that are inclusive for all of the community per the ordinance. The former Sub-Committees have had difficulty staying on task and focusing on the specific theme of Martin Luther King. Also, meetings have not been posted where all community residents can participate. The majority of Sub-Committee members do not reside in Desert Hot Springs and live in other cities.

I would like for the Commission to discuss this Sub-Committee before it decides to allocate funds from the CCAC budget for this event.