

2014 Legislative Interim Work Plan

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May 21, 2014--Work Session

- Presentation of Finalists Scaled Models of Monument
- Subcommittee Review of Models: Recommendation to MLK Commission
- 2014 Interim Work Plan
 - Continuation of Massive Resistance Oral Histories, Part II
 - Continuation of Public School Closings in Virginia Subcommittee
 - Development of marketing strategies to enhance visibility of Commission and facilitate private fundraising to enable and assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory mandates and goals
- Report of the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument Subcommittee
- Notification of Sculptor Finalist
- Commission and Mayor's Office Issuance of Joint Press Release
- Next Steps Concerning Monument
 - Fundraising
 - Creation of 501(c)(3) organization
 - Consultation with Virginia Department of Buildings and Grounds and the City of Richmond
- Directions to Staff
- Other Business

June/July 2014--Work Session

Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument Morning Work Session

- Review and adoption of documents for creation of 501(c)(3) organization and other required instruments
- Creation of fundraising campaign
- Continuation of discussion with City of Richmond and Department of General Services/procedures
- Review and filing of quarterly report to the General Assembly
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Full Commission Afternoon Work Session

Section 30-192.4 of the Code of Virginia requires that the Commission, among other things, (i) monitor educational goals, programs, and objectives to encourage the recognition and inclusion of the achievements and contributions of ethnic and minority groups; (ii) conduct the biennial inventory and review of activities and events, sponsored by localities and public and private schools and institutions of higher education, that are designed to honor Dr. King's memory; (iii) facilitate the analysis of and public discourse on contemporary public policies relative to Dr. King's principles and philosophy, including his work pertaining to social and economic justice, ethics, racial equality, and appreciation of diverse cultures among the citizenry; (iv) collaborate with The King Center in Atlanta and Living the Dream, Inc. for the non-commercialized celebration and promotion of public service opportunities for the 2014 National King Holiday in Virginia; and (v) develop strategies for enhanced visibility and private fundraising to enable and assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory mandates and goals.

- Planning for collaborative Emancipation Proclamation event with Hampton University in September 2014
- Report from the Reconstruction Amendments Subcommittee and review of plans for 2015 Symposium
- Presentation pertaining to effects of House Bill 930 (2014)
- Presentation of recent United States Supreme Court decisions pertaining to voting rights and desegregation of institutions of higher education
- Review of survey instrument for the biennial inventory of the Commonwealth
- Review of updated African American Legislators Project Database
- Review of integration of HB 527 (2012) referred by the House Committee on Rules, pursuant to statutory limitations of Commission
- Viewing, "12 Years a Slave" and Open Forum/Panel Discussion on Legacy of Slavery
- Report of the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument Subcommittee

September/October 2014--Work Session

Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument Morning Work Session

- Report on fundraising campaign
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- Review of plans for other Emancipation Proclamation Events
- Presentation from Library of Virginia concerning "Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation"
- Report from the Reconstruction Amendments Subcommittee on the Reconstruction Amendments Symposium and Teachers Institute, 2015
- Plans for viewing of the film *Lincoln* and panel discussion by eminent historians and scholars, at the Virginia Historical Society, April 2015
- Planning for the annual statewide leadership for the National King Holiday in Virginia

November/December 2014--Work Session

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- Status of plans for viewing of the film *Lincoln* and panel discussion by eminent historians and scholars, at the Virginia Historical Society, April 2015
- Status of plans for the annual statewide leadership for the National King Holiday in Virginia, including non-commercialized celebration and promotion of public service opportunities in the Commonwealth
- Annual collaboration with The King Center in Atlanta
- Annual support/collaboration with Living the Dream, Inc.
- Development and review of proposed legislation for 2015 Session, if any

Other Events and Activities

- Unveiling of the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument, Fall (September) 2015
- Conclusion of commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation with a period ball in fall/winter 2015