

Reference: Consolidation meeting (City-County Award Merger), City MLK and County MLKHAC Award Committees

Meeting date: 3-18-09

Attendees at informal meeting: Isadore Knox, Jr., County, Norm Davis, City, Harper Donahue, IV, City, David Wandel, Chair City Committee

Note: All committee members of the City & County MLK Award Committees invited to the meeting to discuss the merge

Meeting re-cap:

The City & County implications (legal and other) were reviewed. Based on the joint review there appears to be no impediments or legal requirements that would prevent the merger. There will be a need to go through the County Board of Dane County & the City Council of Madison for purposes of notification and agreement and any adjustment to current rules or regulations governing these committees.

The consolidation/Merger of these two Committees will create a unified front and single focus between the City & County in recognizing the works and contributions by Dane County citizens toward the fulfillment of the goals and aspirations of the late Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is to be noted that the County Executive for Dane County & Mayor of the City of Madison were contacted by the Chair of the City Committee and both agreed that this merger had merit and should be explored.

Recommendations and outcomes encouraged as a result of the City/County informal meeting included:

Cost savings for both the City & County

A unified approach to the award process

The opportunity to make the award process a year round event keeping the spirit & ideas fostered by Dr. King in the forefront of Dane County citizens all year long

Maintain current funding & combining resources to have a greater impact

Tasks ahead:

Finalize the necessary details at the City & County level to create the merged committee

Re-establish the Committee with a new Chair

Set goals, objectives, mission, vision and process for the merged committee

Notify all elected groups/officials, agencies, organizations and the public of the merge

Move forward to with the newly re-constructed committee & prepare for the 2010 award cycle

Respectfully submitted,

David Wandel

Chair, City of Madison MLK Awards Committee