



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved HUMANITARIAN AWARD COMMISSION, REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Wednesday, April 8, 2015

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 523 (City-County Building)

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. by David Wandel, Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dale Hopkins moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting.  
The motion was seconded by Corinda Rainey-Moore, and passed by voice  
vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. [36536](#) Drafting a letter on behalf of the Humanitarian Award Commission to lobby for additional funds to contribute to the award ceremony

David Wandel volunteered to write a letter to the City and County lobbying for more funds for the King Coalition.

6. [37818](#) Guidelines, parameters, and rules surrounding youth and adult classifications of the Humanitarian Award

The Commission discussed the age ranges and challenges surrounding the Youth and Adult classifications of the Humanitarian Award. Colin Bowden moved to amend the category of youth aware to remove "Young Leader" and replace with "Emerging Leaders", as well as remove the age ranges. Steven Rush seconded the motion. Dale Hopkins and Corinda Rainey-Moore brought forth concerns regarding high school age nominees and the unfairness of competition with older emerging leaders. David Wandel called the question and asked for a roll call vote:

Aye: Colin Bowden, Steven Rush,  
No: Corinda Rainey-Moore, Dale Hopkins, David Wandel  
Abstain: None

Motion failed.

David Wandel moved to to amend the category of youth aware to remove "Young Leader" and replace with "Emerging Leaders", as well as broaden the age range for emerging leaders to 13 - 25. Steven Rush seconded the motion. David Wandel called the vote:

Aye: Steven Rush, Colin Bowden, David Wandel  
No: Dale Hopkins, Corinda Rainey-More  
Abstain: None

Motion passed. Commission agreed to try it this year and reevaluate this decision next year.

7. [37819](#) Process for vetting the validity of information submitted in Humanitarian Award nomination applications

David Wandel raised the question of vetting of nominees and validating information provided to the Commission, as well as what level the vetting should be conducted. The Commission agreed such process is extensive and involved, which provides challenges.

8. Youth Outreach

Dale Hopkins mentioned the recruitment process takes place around the holidays, which presents challenges in youth outreach. The Commission discussed changing the recruitment for the Emerging Leader Award to earlier in the year may be most beneficial in utilizing the school distribution system.

## REPORTS

9. King Coalition

There was no report of the King Coalition.

**10. FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR**

- Letter draft review
- How can the Commissioners tap into groups they represent to assist them in their work?

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Dale Hopkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Colin Bowden, and passed by voice vote/other.