

February 4, 2016

Present: Diane Foley, Commission Member; Shawna Hawkins, Commission Member; Lita Pepion, Commission Member; Gwen Kircher, Commission Member; Karla Stanton.

Guest: Gene Stark

Announcements and Events:

Commissioner Foley shared an article from the Billings Gazette on Martin Luther King.

Commissioner Kircher reported on MLK activities: Bell ringing at MSUB, Courthouse ceremony and events at the Nova Center.

Commissioner Pepion talked about TRAC Tradition Recover and Culture one on one with 20 people helps with services referring them to agencies. The biggest problem is homelessness, no ID. This is a grant program, there are five (5) peer special counselors available; started a recover program for natives.

Commissioner Hawkins will check on LBGT, a new group for teens, and see how we can help. She is also checking on human trafficking, has met with two (2) women here who work on that issue and will report next month.

Commissioner Foley gave money and items to Family Services and to homeless school children at Washington Elementary School. Gene Stark made donations of art supplies to young student who attend the Friendship House classes.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.