



# Village of Biscayne Park

## Commission Agenda Report

**Village Commission Meeting Date:** December 1, 2015

**Subject:** 2016 Martin Luther King Day of Service

**Prepared By:** Commissioner Roxanna Ross

**Sponsored By:** Commission

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### Background

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday, recognized nationwide as a celebration of service and giving back to the community.

Improvements to Village greenspaces are continuing, and the Martin Luther King Day of Service has in the last several years played a role in support of those improvements. The occasion has also evolved into an opportunity to work with our neighbors to beautify and build pride in our community.

With a goal of \$5,000, Commissioner Ross pledges a challenge grant to encourage donations in support of the beautification project, matching \$1 (up to \$250) for every \$20 of donations collected for the King Day of Service.

It is in the best interest of our residents and our Village to support these beautification efforts.

### Fiscal / Budget Impact

The time and labor to be expended by Village administration and public works in support of the project is worth continuing long needed enhancement of our greenspaces. A challenge grant and anticipated donations will offset the cost of improvements to the Village.

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## **Recommendation**

Upon review for sufficiency by our Village Attorney, Commissioner Ross recommends approval.

## **Attachments**

- Resolution draft

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015- --**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE  
COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF  
BISCAYNE PARK PROCLAIMING  
JANUARY \_\_ 2016 MARTIN LUTHER KING  
DAY, A DAY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE  
IN THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK  
AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION  
EVENT; PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS President Ronald Reagan signed a bill in 1983 creating a federal holiday observed in January every year to honor Dr. King’s birthday, life and work; President Bill Clinton established the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, promoting a day of citizen action and volunteer service bringing attention to Dr. King’s teachings; and, since enactment millions of Americans have been inspired to serve their communities celebrating the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate to raise awareness, strengthen our commitment to each other in service of community, while celebrating Dr. King’s leadership and gift of communicating a message of unity and love; and

WHEREAS the King Holiday offers an opportunity for everyone to contribute to our communities, and to make an ongoing commitment of service beyond the King Holiday weekend and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Village appreciates the generous funding received from the State of Florida and The Villagers, Inc., as well as the preservation discipline of RJ Heisenbottle

1 Architects, and the craftsmanship of McKenzie Construction in carefully restoring of the  
2 Village’s historic Log Cabin located at 640 NE 114 Street; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the restored Log Cabin, and Village Commons in general, will be  
5 complimented by the planting of native fauna and foliage, and these enhancements will be  
6 more cherished by accomplishing them through the volunteer efforts of neighbors in the  
7 community; and  
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9 WHEREAS the Village neighbors have cooperatively engaged King Holiday  
10 improvements to the community in the past, and now wish to apply that success to the restored  
11 Log Cabin and Village Commons that are in need of attention and beautification; and,  
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13 WHEREAS Rox Ross, a Commissioner of the Village of Biscayne Park, shares a  
14 birthday with Dr. King and encourages a King Day celebration with a community project to  
15 achieve needed landscaping, including a donation challenge of up to \$250 in matching  
16 contribution.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION**  
19 **OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**  
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21 **Section 1.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified as true  
22 and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.  
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24 **Section 2.** That all residents and friends of the Village of Biscayne Park  
25 have an opportunity to participate, by monetary contribution and by hands-on assistance, at an  
26 event to celebrate the King Day of Service, designed to enhance the community, share a  
27 morning with neighbors, discuss community needs and solutions to enhance the environment in  
28 our common areas.  
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30 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.  
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32 PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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David Coviello, Mayor

Attest:

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Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

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John J. Hearn, Village Attorney

**The foregoing resolution upon being  
put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

Mayor Coviello: \_\_\_\_  
Vice Mayor Watts: \_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Anderson: \_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Jonas: \_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Ross: \_\_\_\_