

Community Relations Council Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
February 11, 2021
6:00-7:00 PM

Attending: Ayana Crawford, Carlo Dawson, Cynthia Ware, Darryl Cunningham, GiGi Anderson, Isaiah Venning, Robert Karkoski, Summersby Okey, Jessica Yang, Jonathan Nazeer, Rachel Lillibridge, Shekinah Miller, Sierra Hughes

Visitors:

City Staff: Jason Weil

Not Attending:

Purpose: To promote respect, appreciation and understanding of diversity among all people in our community by promoting positive human relations and reducing discrimination, assessing and responding to the human relations needs of our community, serving as a source of information, and advocating and recognizing change to achieve our mission.

1. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Purpose Review
 - a. Called to order at 6:00 PM
2. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting
 - a. Motion: Isaiah
 - b. Second: Bob
 - c. Vote: Approved Unanimously
3. New Business
 - a. Reports from sub-committees
 - i. Black History sub-committee**
 1. Have already started recording the program. Including the contest winners and performers. All of the content that has been received is well put together.
 2. It will be released on the 21st at 5 PM. It will be the same as MLK on the City Channel, CN2 Extra, and live streamed on the City's youtube as well.
 3. Cityofrockhill.com/bhm will give folks access to all of the viewing options and information.
 4. Poetry slam winners have been asked to submit a video of their poem as the quality of the zoom video is not great. If not, we will use the zoom recording.
 5. Prizes: We only had one qualifying entry for oratory contest, there was supposed to be a \$25 gift card each for elementary, middle, and high school participants. The committee would like to give the whole prize (\$75) to that one winner. Jason will check with the City to see if that is okay with the accounting department.
 6. Next Year: Consider scaling the prize money based on age. Perhaps we can increase the prize for High School winners to \$50. Budget for prizes has not been determined in the past, this is up to the committee to adjust. We may want to provide more than a certificate for honorees as well.
 - ii. Newsletter Subcommittee**

1. Jessica has stepped down as the chair of this committee due to time constraints.
2. The committee thanks her for her work on this sub-committee.
3. We are looking for someone to step into this role. Carlo will be reaching out individually to see who may be interested. We have a full calendar of topics for each issue this year, so the new chair is in a good place to take over the project.

iii. Race Equality Subcommittee

1. We will paint the mural March 13-14 and March 20-21
2. We will be reaching out to CRC members for volunteers as we approach the date
3. We need monetary sponsors to help support the artists. If you know anyone who has a business, please reach out to them. We are asking that each committee person get one sponsor. Carlo has provided a donation letter. Each sponsor can contribute towards the \$500 per artist. We also need to reach out to restaurants to look for snacks or meals for artists and volunteers while the mural is being painted. Deadline is March 5 for monetary sponsors.

iv. MLK Subcommittee

1. What went well:
 - a. Virtual event was produced very well. It was spot on and flowed extremely well.
 - b. Keynote speaker was very interesting and engaging.
 - c. All the way around, the event was excellent.
 - d. The presentation for the students went really well. It was great to do it at the school district office and have the superintendent there. We may want to continue to do this in the future, even if we are back at First Baptist.
 - e. If we can't meet in person next year, it would be great to use the same format next year.
 - f. The iDream parade was well-accepted and the community was excited about it.
 - g. Chair was very impressed with how the event turned out for the first virtual event.
 - h. We were able to reach more people and different audiences since it was free and virtual.
 - i. We adapted and adjusted well. It was all good.
2. Suggestions
 - a. It may be nice to invite the nominator for Dream Keeper to be invited to the presentation of the award and be given an opportunity to speak or do a special video for the production.
 - b. Essay Competition was a difficult piece. There were glitches, but that is to be expected with a brand new format.
 - i. When it came down to the votes, there was a lot of back and forth.

a. Meeting adjourned at: 6:57 PM

Upcoming Dates:

Mural Meeting: February 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

CRC Monthly Meeting: March 11, 2021 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Black History Month Event: “Harlem Renaissance: The Manifestation of Literature, Art, Stage Performance, & Music in the African American Culture”: Virtual Event February 21: 5 p.m.

Items for future meetings:

Teacher Supply Drive