

Community Relations Council  
Minutes  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
September 8, 2020  
6:00-7:00 PM

**Attending:** Ayana Crawford, Carlo Dawson, Cynthia Ware,, Darryl Cunningham, Gigi Anderson, Isaiah Venning, Jessica Yang, Rachel Lillibridge, Robert Karkoski, Shekinah Miller, Summersby Okey,

**Visitors:**

**City Staff:** Jason Weil

**Not Attending:** Dale Johnson, Sierra Hughes,

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
  - Called to order at 6:03 PM
2. Approval of Minutes
  - Motion to approve with no changes: Isaiah, Second: Bob
3. New Business
  - a. Reports from sub-committee
    - i. Black History sub-committee
      - There are no new updates at this time.
    - ii. Teacher Supply Drive
      - Old Pointe and Independence Elementary Schools have about 50 faculty/staff that would benefit from the school drive.
      - Isaiah will touch base with Dale on North Central providing supplies for the drive.
      - Tentative Date: September 25 for deadline for drop-off. Deliver to schools on September 28.
      - If we can get details on what is needed and drop off locations, we can solicit donations at the end of Race Equality Month events.
      - We can put a drop-off box at Housing and Neighborhood Services for dropoff.
      - We can offer admission for the Emanuel Film screening for school supplies in lieu of the \$5 fee. Isaiah will email Summersby what supplies are needed to include in publicity.
    - iii. MLK sub-committee

- The Mayor is on board for the Virtual celebration. All of City Council will be informed on the 14th. Once they have been informed, we can announce the virtual event publicly.
  - All details and plans will move forward for the virtual celebration.
  - Now that we are not serving breakfast, it does not necessarily have to be early in the morning.
  - Jason will give the voting results to the Mayor to start the process of the City reaching out to the speakers.
  - The next sub-committee meeting will be September 24 at 6:00 via zoom.
  - The dreamkeeper award flyers have been updated and will be shared on Social Media once Race Equality Month is over.
  - Speaker Voting Results:
    - a. First choice: Dr. Frederick Haynes
    - b. Second Choice: Maggie Wallace Glover
    - c. Third Choice: Brandon Upson
- iv. Newsletter subcommittee
- No update at this time. They have enough in their arsenal to provide content for the rest of 2020.
- v. Race Equality Subcommittee
- Our main concern is getting people to attend the event. Council members are asked to share the events and flyer with their networks and to mark themselves as “going” on the facebook events.
4. Old Business
- a. Announcements and Concerns
    - Carlo contributed to the soundtrack for Historic Brattonsville’s “By the Sweat of Our Brows” event. Be on the lookout for that!
  - b. City Announcements
5. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM

*CRC’s next monthly meeting is scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_*