

Community Relations Council Minutes  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
December 10, 2020  
6:00-7:00 PM

**Attending:** Ayana Crawford, Carlo Dawson, Cynthia Ware, Darryl Cunningham, GiGi Anderson, Isaiah Jennings, Robert Karkoski, Sierra Hughes, Summersby Okey

**Visitors:** Melanie Brandon

**City Staff:** Jason Weil

**Not Attending:** Jessica Yang, Rachel Lillibridge, Shekinah Miller

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 6:05 PM
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to Approve: Isaiah
  - b. Second: Bob
  - c. Motion Approved Unanimously
3. New Business
  - a. Dreamkeeper Applications
    - i. We received applications for 4 individuals. Votes are as follows:
      1. Moe Bell: 3
      2. **Serena Williams: 4**
      3. Tadean Page: 1
      4. Norma Gray: 0
  - b. Reports from Sub-Committees
    - i. **Black History Sub-Committee**
      1. Coloring contest will be for elementary school students separated by age group. The drawing is already ready.
      2. The deadline is dependent on whether we return to school after the winter break. The coloring pages will be sent electronically to the schools.
      3. Art Contest will be a spoken or musical contest. This will be for middle and high school students. Submit a 2-3 minute maximum video.
      4. Program will be virtual this year on Facebook Live on February 17 at 7 PM or Saturday February 20 from 9-12 PM, Sunday February 21 (Afternoon)
      5. Angelo Geter will be invited to be a speaker.
      6. Would like to include a message from the Mayor.
      7. Will show student videos as entertainment portion.
      8. Honorees- Adding virtual artist Garrison Gist to the list. Musical Artist Bobby Plair will also be added.

9. Renaissance Man and Woman will be sent to panhellenic council to have them submit nominations.
- ii. **Teacher Supply Drive**
    1. No updates at this time.
  - iii. **Race Equality Month Sub-Committee**
    1. The mural will happen in the spring (March or April)
    2. Committee Members to join the mural sub-committee as Summersby will be on maternity leave.
      - a. Isaiah is willing to help.
      - b. We will ask the new committee member to assist as well.
  - iv. **Newsletter Sub-Committee**
    1. Planning is in motion for 2021.
    2. Need volunteers for upcoming articles.
    3. Sierra volunteers to do a poem for Black History Month in February.
    4. Carlo will take “Year End- Looking Forward” for December, Juneteenth in June, and an article in April/May.
    5. Jason will “ghost write” Fair Housing and ADA
    6. The committee suggests creating a google doc so that folks can sign up for articles as time goes on.
  - v. **MLK Sub-Committee**
    1. Sierra had an idea to present the award to Serena at her house on video to present at the event.
    2. Sponsorship letters went out last week.
      - a. Atrium is interested
    3. Speaker is Dr. Glover. She has been contacted and is willing to tape her remarks.
    4. The City will help with the recording. The participants on the program can record prior to the date to help avoid glitches and technology issues.
    5. CN2 is on board to broadcast on CN2 Extra. They will help with advertising as well. HOpefully we can repeat this model for BHM. We need to have the recording to them a week in advance.
    6. City will stream on the same system that they use for City Council meetings.
    7. Recordings for participants will be individually scheduled with Max at the City to make it work with their schedules.
    8. Choir will only do soloists. Will still be through Tan Barber.
    9. The parade through iDream is looking for volunteers. Any CRC members who are interested in helping are encouraged to do so.
    10. VisionElite dance team will perform a dance to Glory in honor of Senator John Lewis.
    11. There is a link on the City webpage for the Essay contest. It was also sent out virtually to the contacts at the High Schools. Must be a graduating student at a high school in the Rock Hill School District.

- a. Cynthia is working o Rock Hill High
    - b. Isaiah has hand-delivered to Northwestern and South Pointe.
    - c. Omegas are sponsoring again for scholarships.
    - d. Will pre-record the students reading an excerpt.
  - 12. Angelo Geter has been approached to host a poetry slam with him in celebration of the event. He is thinking it will be a competition for high school aged students. Around 3:00 in the afternoon. 2 groups: spoken word and traditional poetry. Has grant money for a \$100 prize for each category.
  - 13. Darryl will do invocation
  - 14. Cynthia will announce DreamKeeper
  - 15. Will decide CRC essay presentation at sub-committee meeting.
  - 16. Carlo will reach out to South Pointe ROTC about presentation of colors and pledge of allegiance.
  - 17. Councilman Derrick Lindsay has agreed to do the benediction.
  - 18. We are asking all participants to wear black and white for their recordings.
4. Old Business
- a. iDream Week Proposal- NaTasha McNeil
    - i. Encouraging people not to be on the parade route. Encourage folks to stream as much as possible.
    - ii. Our participation will be primarily in helping to get the word out and promoting the event.
    - iii. Jason will clarify our participation and what it will look like and what they need us to do. We need this information within the next 2 weeks.
  - b. Announcements and Concerns
    - i. If anyone knows someone who can do a video on Understanding Credit and Debit for the Financial Literacy course, please reach out to Summersby.
    - ii. Have asked the Vision Elite Royalty Dance Group to volunteer quite a bit for our events. They are having a Dark Chocolate Nutcracker event this Saturday. Jason will send the flyer via email. They need to sell 4 more tickets, and they have done a lot for our committee, if anyone wants to attend.
    - iii. Our next CRC meeting will be very important as it is the last before our MLK event.
  - c. City Announcements
    - i. There is a free mask giveaway event on Monday. Please share with your networks. It will be at Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center. Outside from 12-3.
5. Adjournment- Adjourned at 6:59 PM

*CRC's next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021 from 6 to 7 p.m.*

*Other Meetings: MLK Subcommittee Meeting is December 17 at 6:00 PM*