

Community Relations Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Attending was: Shekinah Miller, Summersby Okey, Taninya Smith, Ann Williamson, Lyndsey Machak, Maggie Schwieter, Gemeta Anderson, Rena Hunter, Cynthia Ware, Kameron Midkiff; City Staff-Leslie Galvez

Absent: Reginald Brackett, Jason Weil, Robert Karkoski and Darryl Cunningham

Introductions were made around the board so that the new members and the old members can meet each other.

Moment of silence and purpose review.

Reading and approval of minutes from the March Meeting - No correction: Moved by Summersby, seconded by Rena. Minutes were approved.

Shekinah explained the roles of the people involved in the sub-committees and asked if anyone would be willing to step into chairman/co-chair roles on the subcommittees. Taninya volunteered to chair Race Equity; Rena Hunter- Black History. The question was asked about how to do the subcommittee meetings. It was suggested that we do them by Zoom and have breakout rooms and then come back together. Taninya gave a brief of what her idea of us doing a separate event rather than with Food Truck Friday, similar to what St. Anne, and what Castle Heights Middle School has done with heritage programs. Leslie talked about the google calendar and how it works.

She will send the invite to join to the new members.

Community listening sessions should be finished in June in time to focus on Race Equity. Summersby explained what we did last year for Race Equity. Food Truck Friday is an automatic that we are assigned as host.

The listening session went better this time. I suggested that we do a better job of getting the information out to communities that are not being well served in Rock hill and what their needs are. The session is scheduled for June 1 at Boyd Hill center. It was suggested that we do flyers and put out public relations. Cameron volunteered to be our CRC administrator. Lyndsey suggested that we send messages to our MLK donors for help in getting the word out and use our faith leaders. I told the group to be cognizant that everything we do is dependent on city council approval. We will try to move the listening session to the 15th of June instead of the 1st, Rena will work on the flyers and have them out by next week.

Shekinah talked about the Black History programs down through the ages. (The program in the rotunda at city hall, the virtual and the bus tour and Victory gardens.

Retreat to be held in July will be planned by Shekinah and Rena with the help of Ann and GiGi. Gig talked about the retreat being a time to reflect on what we have accomplished and what we have to work on going forward. She spoke about us continuing to participate in the annual banquet of CRC in Columbia, how it is a great bonding experience. The retreat will be during our regular meeting on July 13, from 5-8. The Retreat will be either here or the operations center. Leslie will look into the availability of both.

Rena asked about the ID badges and whether or not there has been a decision on them, Leslie will ask about it.

Rena said that North Central is asking the CRC to put out a table for the Sickle Cell Symposium being held at the Women's Center. These things should be included on the Google Calendar. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM