

Community Relations Council

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

6 p.m. via Zoom

Attending: Cynthia Ware, Darryl Cunningham, GiGi Anderson, Rachel Lillibridge, Rena Hunter, Shekinah Miller, Sierra Hughes, Summersby Okey

City Staff: Jason Weil, Miguel Rullan

Not Attending: Carlo Dawson, Robert Karkoski, Jonathan Nazeer, Alex Patterson, Isaiah Venning

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.

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Purpose Review (5 minutes)
  - A. Called to order at 6:10 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting (5 minutes)
  - A. Motion to adopt the minutes as submitted: Summersby
  - B. Second: Darryl
  - C. Approved unanimously
- III. New Business
  - A. Reports from sub-committees
    1. Black History Subcommittee debrief (10 minutes)
      - a) The bulk of the program was virtual this year
        - (1) Moments in Black History- reposted videos on Social Media
        - (2) Spotlited 7 locations in RH with pictures and write ups. These posts had a lot of shares and engagements and ended up leading to an individual sharing historical photos from Rock Hill with the City.
        - (3) Sierra and Dr. Robinson participated in the City podcast
      - b) Moving forward, the committee needs to meet more regularly and start early in regards to the schools- during the fall semester.

- c) Hope to have the event back in person next year.
    - d) Shekinah suggests keeping the posts going for Women's History Month.
      - (1) Start with Carlo.
    - e) Spotlight members on Social Media as they roll on and roll off CRC.
  - 2. Race Equality Subcommittee (10 minutes)
    - a) No updates at this time.
  - 3. MLK Subcommittee-(5 minutes)
    - a) The presentations of the essay award winners and dreamkeeper at City Hall went well.
    - b) Planning for MLK starts in May- so the subcommittee needs to stay on schedule.
    - c) We are planning for a "grant" in-person event in 2023!
      - (1) We already have a speaker. Dr. McCorn has agreed to stay on for next year.
- B. Elections & Turnover (20 minutes)
- 1. Reggie and Carlo's terms for the CRC expired in March 2020 and they will not be renewing their membership. All other folks are staying on the committee.
    - a) We only have one application for the two open spots. If anyone on the committee knows of someone who is interested in serving on the CRC, ask them to apply this week.
      - (1) Think about diversity amongst the committee
      - (2) The new applicant is a black female
      - (3) Also think about the flexibility of their schedule
      - (4) They can go to the City website to apply for the CRC.
      - (5) We do not have latino representation on our committee
  - 2. Elections:
    - a) CRC:
      - (1) Chair Nominees
        - (a) Shekinah Miller**
        - (b) Cynthia Ware- Removed name from consideration
      - (2) Co-Chair Nominees
        - (a) Summersby Okey**
      - (3) Secretary Nominees
        - (a) Sierra Hughes**

- b) At the next meeting, we will be electing chairs for sub-committees.
- c) Rev. Hunter has asked that the leadership send out the list of subcommittees to the group before the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Freedom Riders/Walkway Update (5 minutes)

1. Riders

- a) Shekinah will need to take over this role for the CRC
- b) The meetings will resume in April.
- c) Miguel will reach out to Kathy Murphy and let Shekinah know.

2. Walkway

- a) Gigi is the CRC representative for the walkway. Summersby will join her as well to tag-team the effort.
- b) No further update at this time.

B. Announcements and Concerns

- 1. Thank you to Cynthia and Gigi for their service!

C. City Announcements

- 1. March 18-20 the annual BMX Carolina nationals will be held at the Rock Hill BMX track. Is expected to be the largest with over 2,000 riders and supporters.
- 2. Saturday, March 19: St. Patrick's Day festival downtown 12-9 PM
- 3. Clinton College Celebration of Men's and Women's basketball teams March 11 at 1 PM
- 4. Clinton Connexion Community Forum March 22 at 6 PM. Light refreshments at 5:30 PM at Emmett Scott. There is a link to register through eventbrite for tickets.
- 5. Come-See-Me will be April 21-30. Details on [comeseeme.com](http://comeseeme.com)

V. Adjournment

- A. Adjourned at 6:52 PM

Upcoming Dates: *CRC Next Meeting: April 12, 2022 6 p.m.*