

Community Relations Council Retreat
Minutes
July 14, 2022
5:30 p.m.
150 Johnston Street

Attending: Ann Williamson, Cynthia Ware, Derrick Stevenson, GiGi Anderson, Reginald Brackett, Rena Hunter, Shekinah Miller, Sierra Hughes, Summersby Okey, Taninya Smith

City Staff: Jason Weil, Leslie Galvez

Not Attending: Rachel Lillibridge, Darryl Cunningham, Robert Karkoski

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. Approval of May and June minutes**
 - a. Motion- Rena
 - b. Second- Reginald
 - c. Approved unanimously
- II. Focus and Purpose of Community Relations Work**
 - a. After a presentation of DHEC Data and a discussion of different Service Provision models, CRC Members elected to focus on work on:
 - i. Events Management
 - ii. Issues Management and Expedited Community Review
 - b. In order to do this, we must:
 - i. Have letters of support from community members and leaders
 - ii. Provide examples from other CRCs doing this work in the state
 - iii. Follow through!
 - iv. Have a strategic plan
 - v. Use Community Town Halls as data collection
 - vi. Make sure we pay attention to election cycles
 - c. Agenda/Plan for Community Town Hall
 - i. *Goal: Solutions Focused Issue Identification*
 - ii. *Agenda*
 1. Welcome and Sign-In Sheet
 2. Purpose
 - a. Purpose: Determine what issues exist, which are being sufficiently addressed, and which the CRC could address in order to help promote racial equity and justice.

3. Sticky Note Activity
 - a. Ask everyone to fill out sticky notes: What are the top issues in your community? What is great about your community? Each table has a posterboard on which to stick their notes. CRC members will tally the information and have a report by the end of the session.
4. Data Sharing
 - a. Shekinah to compile Rock Hill specific data
5. Breakout Groups
 - a. Questions for Breakout Groups:
 - i. What is your vision for your community?
 - ii. What is working well in your community?
 - iii. What can the CRC do?
 - iv. What can you do in your community/neighborhood?
 - v. How do we keep our citizens safe and gain their trust?
 - vi. What are your suggestions for how to make Rock Hill better?
6. Report Back/ Next Steps
 - a. Report out on results
 - b. Give opportunity to vote via smart phone (Minty?)
7. Adjourn
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III. Expectations/Commitment to CRC

- a. CRC members are expected to attend meetings and engage in the work. We will keep track of attendance at each meeting. Any CRC member who misses two consecutive meetings (without prior notice/excuse) will get a warning. When they miss 3 in a row, the executive committee will set up a meeting with that individual to decide if they have the time to commit to the work of the CRC.

IV. Sub-Committee Updates and MLK Theme

- a. MLK theme will stay the same as last year.
- b. We will update the essay contest with a new quote from the same book.

Upcoming Dates:

Sub-Committee Meeting: July 28, 2022 6 p.m.

CRC Next Meeting: August 11, 2022 6 p.m.