

## The City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council

### Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:00pm – 7:00pm

*City Hall Wellness Center*

155 Johnston Street

**Attending:** Gigi Anderson, Carlo Dawson, Dale Johnson, Robert Karkoski, Lawrence Lewis, Rachel Lillibridge, Bethany Marlow, Shekinah Miller, Summersby Okey, Cynthia Ware, Ellen Wilder-Byrd,

**City Staff:** Andy Blankenship

**Not Attending:** Natasha Jones, Kirk McSwain, Isaiah Venning, Ella Wells,

### *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/Review Purpose
  - a. Called to order 6:00pm
2. Approval of January 8, 2019 Minutes
  - a. Minutes approved
3. New Business
  - a. Reports from sub-committee
    - i. Living Wage sub-committee
      1. Will remove from agenda next time.
    - ii. Race Equality Week sub-committee (REW)
      1. How do we help link the community to service organizations?
        - a. Get more organizations involved, with the current ones.
      2. We need others to be part of
        - a. Dale, Sylvia, Rachel, Summersby, Bob, Gigi
        - b. Meet Tues. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at North Central Family Center (the new building on Saluda). Parking in the rear.
      3. Keep final event linked to food truck Fridays.
      4. More than a one day event. Action plans for what we can do.
      5. There's a framework in the notebook. Summersby will be send out information to group, to help inform next meeting.
    - iii. MLK sub-committee
      1. Was a success.
      2. Suggestions
        - a. Can we share program with CRC before event.
        - b. Can we see performance on video. First Baptist has capabilities, but they take their equipment down.

- c. Can we change Rock Hill do a parade Friday? City does breakfast because it doesn't do a parade.
  - d. Other religions to assist with program.
- 3. Pros:
  - a. Volunteers assisting was a success.
- 4. Lessons Learned:
  - a. What are the Mayor's expectation for speaker, should vote (Oct.) and Nov. we should have speaker confirmed. Can we begin making the list now?
    - i. Broaden search for speakers. Not our job as committee to come up with the speaker choices. How do we make this happen?
    - ii. Should we make a recommendation not stay apolitical.
    - iii. CRC would like to have short list before May 8, 2019. How would we generate the list.
      - 1. Boards
  - b. Food vendor may need to change. Really was expensive (\$5k more than Aramark). Didn't serve the head table.
    - i. Will look into cater, and vet the contract.
      - 1. Aramark and WUs contracting.
      - 2. Lawrence can put a RFQ. Does The City of Rock Hill have a page with open bids?
    - ii. MLK committee to look into finding cater.
- iv. Black History sub-committee
  - 1. Feb. 21, 2019
  - 2. Have two artists confirmed to sit outside for event.
  - 3. South Pointe choir agreed to 2 songs.
  - 4. All performers for each time period, need their music.
  - 5. Each act will read their own script by sharing who they are representing. We need receive their scripts for the city to review.
  - 6. 3 featured Rock Hill Groups.
    - a. Plair, Mellow Grove, Tan Barber
    - b. They have chosen someone to read their history.
  - 7. Art and Coloring contest winners. Program has been created.
    - a. Only two people has confirmed. Isiah will follow-up.
    - b. Need to see if 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is coming.
  - 8. Mayor or Mayor protttt, will not be able to make it. Andy will contact to see if councilperson can be there.
  - 9. Print certificates for the featured Rock Hill artists. Press release out for event last week.
  - 10. Food Vendors: Carroll was a part of helping with vendors. Will go to those on the vendors. We need a letter or what to say to. Lawrence, Bethany will ask restaurants. Will look in the binder.

- a. Amber(???), ShoMars (Bethany), Melanie Rose (Summersby), Wing Bonz (Lawrance), Mary's Café (???)
  - b. Buy food if don't
  - c. Wear black and white.
- 4. Election of Officers
  - a. Chair: Nomination: Ellen Wilder-Byrd
  - b. Vice Chair: Nomination: Carlo Dawson
  - c. Secretary: Nomination: Summersby Okey
  - d. Voted on slate. None opposed.
  - e. RAW Committee Chair: Lawrence
  - f. MLK:
  - g. Black History:
  - h. Will wait to vote for subcommitt
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Attendance Form
  - b. End Racism Day: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 with Human Affairs commission.
    - i. Would like to help with
    - ii. Specific races, ethnicities, and religions.
    - iii. Can we check Race and Reconciliation to see if they can assist with event in place in of CRC.
    - iv. Is not feasible for CRC to assist with in a year.
  - c. Calendar of Events
- 6. Announcements and Concerns
- 7. Adjournment at 7:19pm.

*Please note: The next monthly CRC meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the Wellness Center of City Hall.*