

Community Relations Council Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
July 8, 2021
6:00-7:00 PM

Attending: GiGi Anderson, Darryl Cunningham, Carlo Dawson, Robert Karkoski, Shekinah Miller, Jonathan Nazeer, Isaiah Venning, Cynthia Ware, Rachel Lillibridge,

City Staff: Jason Weil

Not Attending: Ayana Crawford, Sierra Hughes, Jessica Yang, Summersby Okey

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 from June Meeting
 - a. Motion to Approve: Jonathan Nazeer
 - b. Second: Rachel
 - c. Motion approved unanimously with no changes
3. New Business
 - a. Reports from sub-committees
 - I. Black History sub-committee
 - i. No report
 - II. Race Equality Subcommittee
 - i. Jonathan and Summersby are scheduled to get together next week to work on planning and help pass the torch to Jonathan. We are behind schedule. Carlo mentioned her new non profit and offered her assistance.
 - III. MLK Subcommittee
 - i. Shekinah Miller – Asked that speaker recommendations be made by July 28. She will be bringing the information to the retreat.
 - IV. Retreat subcommittee: Gigi Anderson discussed where retreat would be. Debate was between Council Chambers and Neighborhood Services. She reported that at their subcommittee meeting, they have slated for Human Affairs planning to attend the Retreat to discuss expectations/vision of CRCs. Ayana is to do ice breaker activities. We discussed sweets and box lunch options. It was also suggested if you access to donation of door prizes for a retreat, that is an option. Gigi indicated that the subcommittee will meet soon to discuss theme for retreat and t shirts. Jason is working on gift bags.
 - V. Human Affairs: Jason indicated that Gigi, Cynhtia and he met with the human affairs commission and that they were interested in sharing information around their efforts with the hope of doing something larger in Rock Hill in the future.
4. Old Business

a. Freedom Riders

Gigi reported that they are in the information gathering phase with the hopes of creating a historical marker. There was also discussion of the Freedom Ride bus that came through that took place, but that was not connected to the Freedom Riders subcommittee.

5. Announcements and Concerns

- a. Dr. Yang has resigned from the CRC. Cynthia thanked her on behalf of the committee.
- b. Jonathan announced his mobile produce venture.

6. City Announcements

a. Freedom Walkway group is hoping to have a CRC member as they had in the past. Cynthia volunteered to serve in that capacity.

7. Adjourned at 6:55 pm