

Community Relations Council Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
September 9, 2021
6:00-7:00 PM

Attending: Ayana Crawford, Darryl Cunningham, Carlo Dawson, Sierra Hughes, Rena Hunter, Robert Karkoski, Rachel Lillibridge, Shekinah Miller, Summersby Okey, Isaiah Venning, Cynthia Ware

City Staff: Jason Weil (Attending)

Not Attending: GiGi Anderson, Jonathan Nazeer

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 6:06 PM
2. Approval of Minutes from Retreat (August) and prior meeting (July)
 - a. Motion approved unanimously with noted changes for both retreat and previous meeting.
3. New Business
 - a. Reports from sub-committees
 - I. Black History sub-committee
 - i. No report
 - II. Race Equality Month Subcommittee
 - i. Screening only has 10 attendees
 - ii. Activities:
 1. Straight Talk
 2. Sweet of Our Brows
 3. City of RH Food Truck Friday
 - iii. Hispanic Heritage Month
 1. Hybrid program co-hosted by Power of Progeny Foundation (Carlo Dawson, Executive Director) at Casa Tequila on Sept. 17th at 7pm.
 - III. MLK Subcommittee
 - i. Theme: Where Do We Go From Here?
 - ii. Hybrid program suggested; Jason will discuss setting with City Council and Church
 - iii. Chair asks for speaker recommendations: Rev. Dr. Lester McCorn (Clinton College, President, was chosen. Jason to reach out to City and Dr. McCorn to see if he is willing.
 - iv. Dream Keeper applications will go out in October

5. Old Business

a. Retreat Debrief

- I. Robert Snipe's presentation was very informative and eye-opening
- II. CRC recognizes that we need to align objectives with State's CRC objectives.
- III. Food was amazing.
- IV. More training and information needed from the SC Human Affairs Commission.
- V. Pros: Seeing everyone, support from state (valuable info and resources), camaraderie amongst members, organized, chair kept well informed
- VI. Cons: Too long

b. Freedom Riders

- I. CRC representative will be Gigi Anderson
- II. Seeking CRC's assistance in gathering more information about this movement in RH (1961)

6. Announcements and Concerns

- a. Clinton Connection Bash: Oct. 2nd at 11:00am at Fountain Park
- b. Ayana Crawford is moving to Columbia to take on the role of Community Relations Program Coordinator with the SC Human Affairs Commission

7. City Announcements

8. Adjourned at 6:55pm