

Community Relations
Council Minutes-December
9, 2021

VIA ZOOM:

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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.

Attending: Summersby, Isaiah, Cynthia, Carlo, Gigi, Sierra, Alex, Shekinah
Guests: Miguel Rullan, City of Rock Hill

1. Call to Order at 6:06 PM
2. Approval of Minutes from November Meeting
 - a. Motion: Approve the minutes as submitted, Summersby
 - b. Second: Isaiah
 - c. Approved unanimously
3. New Business
 - a. **Follow up on Community Round table/future events**
 - Gave an overview of what they do in the community and how they can help
 - Gave out helpful information
 - Brought investigator who interacts with client who makes a complaint and walked through the process to make a claim.
 - Had a breakdown of how many complaints have come from the state so far this year (around 25).
 - They are available and a free service available to the community.
 - Would like to come back and host an event again as there was a community event conflict that influenced attendance. We would like to have a time at next event for attendees to speak with the investigator privately about concerns.
 - Idea: mini-conference in the Spring where they can talk in smaller groups about some of their services in more detail.
 - We would like to Reach out to Ayana or Robert and ask if the training they mentioned this summer for city council is different from what they presented at this event and what we can expect the CRC and Council to take away from the training.
 - The value may be in one-on-one conversations with council members and take

them a plan for what we want to do.

b. **Reports from sub-committees**

- I. Black History sub-committee (5 minutes)
 - Sierra will be reaching out to the sub-committee in the next week
- II. Race Equality Subcommittee (10 minutes)
 - No update.
- III. MLK Subcommittee-(20 minutes)
 - Has not received any essay contest submissions, but did hear from a school counselor at Rock Hill High who is interested. Will send out a reminder next week.
 - Dreamkeeper nominations were due Monday. We had one person nominated (2 nominations). The applications were sent to the council via email prior to our meeting. There are no reservations within the group in awarding to this individual.
 - Presentation of the Dreamkeeper Award: The committee will discuss the options on Monday, Dec 13 at 6:30 PM. They will try to get the honoree to chambers in person, if not, they will award it before hand and share the video during the presentation.
 - Jason will order the physical award.
 - MLK Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, Dec 28 to review essays. They will meet at HNS at 11:00 AM
 - Angelo Jeter and Youth Poet Laureate are both available and will attend the event.
 - Choir- Tan is going to have a select group to preform rather than the full choir. She is going to find songs in the public domain- that way it will be okay to play over facebook live.
 - Jason sent the old distribution list to the MLK Sub-Committee. If the group can review and update the list and get it back to Jason ASAP, he will send out the flyer.
 - Flyer- The committee has approved the flyer attached to the email sent prior to our meeting. Edit: Add Facebook Live on the flyer.
 - Facebook Live- We can schedule a month ahead of time and folks can go ahead and register and be reminded the day of the event. Committee members can share it to get more views. Would go out from the CRC's Facebook page.
 - Summersby will set up the Facebook Live on December 17.
 - Last year there was a digital flyer that was shared at the beginning and the end of the program and shared on FB. This is where we would list sponsors.
 - Essay Winners: We are still going to do the same prizes as last year. The check will be presented at the event in Council Chambers.

4. Old Business

a. Freedom Riders/Walkway Update (5 minutes)

- The group met yesterday. They have finished up the research phase and are trying to find people who are still around who actually remember the event.
- Need to figure out what they want for a physical marker.
- May visit Birmingham to see what they have done.
- Jason will send the minutes from the meeting to the group.

b. Announcements and Concerns

- Starting in January, we will go back to socially-distanced meetings at HNS in the large conference room. We will ask that everyone wears their mask.
- Sierra asked if we could start in February instead, to give a bit of a buffer between Holiday travel and in person meetings. The committee agrees with this plan.
- Girl Tribe Company vendor event- Charlotte Convention Center this weekend. 150 women-owned businesses. Sierra's company will be represented. General Admission is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.
- Impact York County has 8 seats left for their Racial Equity Institute Dec 20 & 21. Anyone interested can reach out to Shekinah.
- No Room for Racism Classic basketball tournament is taking place this weekend at the Sports and Events Center.

c. City Announcements

- Christmasville is happening! Jason shared a link of events with the group .

5. Adjourned at 6:57 PM

Upcoming Dates:

CRC Next Meeting: January 13, 2022