

**PROPOSED MINUTES  
BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL  
February 3, 2016**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the third floor conference room #337 in City Hall. Members present denoted by \*, members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-\*    Isaac Chemmanam-\*    Isaac Blount-\*    Jim Cox-\*    Lloyd Horton -x  
Byung Lee -\*    Prudencio Martinez-Mengel-\*    Joyce Mitchell-\*    Franchine Peña-\*  
Heena Shah-\*    Bonnie Snyder-\*    Jake Srednicki-\*    Rajesh Verma-\*    Ritvik Verma-\*  
Kathy Moore-\*    Rose Glover, Council Member-x    Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-\*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Several announcements were provided about upcoming community events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the January 2016 meeting were not available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Human Relations Council Annual Awards Ceremony**

Cassandra Daniels stated the Forty-Fourth Anniversary of the Council and the award ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016. The event will take place at the Greenville Hilton at 5:30 pm. The theme: “Celebrating and Honoring Those Who Make a Difference”. The subcommittee has decided to keep the same menu as last year. The only thing missing for the program is entertainment. Several of the Council members stated they only need to confirm entertainment groups.

Cassandra Daniels stated that 34 nominations were received. Nomination packages were forwarded via e-mail before tonight’s meeting. Packages of information is also available for tonight. The winners are:

**Youth Award**

- Mohammad Sarsour
- Siyun Lee
- Siddhant Agarwal
- Shinjini Misra
- Xavier Rouse
- Andrew Draper

**Community Service Humanitarian Award**

- Fanny Flower

**Community Service Corporate Award**

- Wasabi 88

### **Best-Irons Humanitarian Award**

- Jermaine McNair
- The Joy Soup Kitchen

### **Distinguished Inclusive Community Award**

- Rich Elkins
- Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina

### **Human Relations Office Update**

Franchine Peña, Bob Hudak, Isaac Blount, Samar Badwan, and Joyce Mitchell gave a brief synopsis regarding City Council's Planning Retreat held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Comparison charts prepared by Assistant City Manager Merrill Flood and the Human Relations Council was presented (attached). Members attending the retreat thanked Council Member Glover for the support she has provided and her willingness to help the efforts of the Council in getting staffing for the Human Relations Office.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Samar Badwan, seconded by Jake Srednicki, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra Daniels*

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Human Relations Officer