

**PROPOSED MINUTES  
BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 27, 2016**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Wednesday, October 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the third floor conference room #337, located on the third floor of City Hall. Members present denoted by \*, members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-x Isaac Chemmanam-\* Isaac Blount-\* Jim Cox-\* Lloyd Horton -\*  
Byung Lee -\* Prudencio Martinez-Mengel-\* Joyce Mitchell-x Kathy Moore-\*  
Bill Neely-\* Franchine Peña-\* Heena Shah-\* Bonnie Snyder-x Jake Srednicki-x  
Rajesh Verma-x Ritvik Verma-x

Rose Glover, Council Member-x Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-\*

Other(s): Nancy Colville  
Rod Debs

**Byung Lee** stated “election of officers” needs to be added to the agenda. If the Council concurs with adding the item, the floor is open for discussion and a motion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Franchine Peña, seconded by Jim Cox, to revise the October 27<sup>th</sup> agenda to add “Election of Officers” after new business. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**WELCOME:** Byung Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Byung Lee** stated

**Nancy Colville** addressed the Council regarding the Ordinance that created the Human Relations Council. She stated she read the ordinance and in her opinion there are things the Council are not being done as stated in the ordinance when adopted in 1972. It is my understanding the Ordinance will be updated by City Council.

**Rod Debs** stated he is the Pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Greenville. He is very supportive of the Council’s mission of inclusive community, not just everybody is safe here, but everybody has a voice in the community and is respected as well as engaging.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by **Bill Neely**, seconded by **Franchine Peña**, to approve the September 22, 2016 minutes with necessary corrections, if there be any. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sister City Program**

**Byung Lee** stated according to correspondence that Yeon-Su Officials received from the Mayor, they have made plans to visit our City on November 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Seven officials will travel to Greenville to explore the possibility of a sister city relationship. Members of the Council support the officials visiting the City; however, the City has not had an opportunity to prepare. **Byung Lee** asked if the Council (HRC) would consider providing a Welcome Reception when they arrive on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. **Cassandra Daniels** stated funds were not budgeted for a sister city program. Nevertheless, if the Council considers a welcome reception, there is a little money in an account that was raised by the Council. Those funds were earmarked for a Council's planning retreat. There were concerns regarding lodging, meals, etc. **Byung Lee** stated the Mayor had suggested information be presented to City Council about the possibility of a Sister City Program.

**Bill Neely** stated that his involvement in Sister City relations is that (Yeon-Su) make an initial visit and after their visit, then Greenville visit them, then an agreement or covenant is signed between governing bodies, if they agree to a sister city relationship.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Franchine Peña, seconded by Bill Neely, that Byung Lee present information to City Council about a Sister City Program (benefits, purpose, etc.). Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Connecting People: Planting Seeds to Dismantle Racism**

Cassandra Daniels stated the next community dialogue is scheduled for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Cornerstone Family Life Center. The theme: "Serving the Most Vulnerable among Us". The focus areas are: (1) mental illness, (2) poverty and (3) homelessness. Jim Cox stated the following have confirmed to serve as panel members: Margaret Dixon, Chris Smith, Bob Williams and Mona Townes

### **Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Luncheon**

Cassandra Daniels stated the senior citizens luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 11:30am. The venue is the Drew Steele Center.

### **2017 Annual Awards Program**

Cassandra Daniels stated the Annual Awards program will take place at the Greenville Hilton on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. City page has been updated.

### **2017 Legislative Breakfast**

No definitive month and/or date have been decided.

**Comments – Human Relations Council** – There were no comments.

### **Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Isaac Chemmanam, seconded by Prudencio Martinez-Mengel, to nominate Heena Shah as Chair of the Human Relations Council. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Franchine Pena, seconded by Isaac Blount, to nominate Prudencio Martinez-Mengel, as Vice-Chair of the Human Relations Council. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Franchine Peña, seconded by Loyd Horton, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra Daniels*

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Human Relations Officer