

**ADOPTED MINUTES
BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM in 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-*	Jim Cox-x	Rod Debs-*
Antonio Milton-*	Joyce Mitchell-*	Lomax Mizzelle-*	Kathy Moore-*
Bill Neely*	Franchine Peña-*	Emmett Sarkorh-x	Heena Shah-*
Jessica Stokes-*	Seok Yoon-*		

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

Other(s): None

Heena Shah called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the February 23rd meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcement was made:

- Oakwood School will have an International Festival on Sunday, February 26th from 4-6pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Joyce Mitchell**, seconded by **Franchine Peña**, to approve the January 26, 2017 minutes with the necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A Race Relations Community Dialogue – Thursday, March 23, 2017

Henna Shah stated that she, Franchine Peña and Cassandra Daniels met with Grady Mullis and Dewane Frutiger on February 16, 2017 to discuss logistics for the upcoming community dialogue on Race Relations. The dialogue will feature the exhibition by Burke Uzzle reflecting the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the many faces of Eastern North Carolina.

Heena Shah and Franchine Peña both suggested that Congressman G. K. Butterfield would be someone that could serve as facilitator, if available. It was also recommended that Dr. Reginald Watson be contacted to see if he knew of someone that could facilitate. Cassandra Daniels further stated that Dr. David Dennard, former Director of African and African American Studies

at East Carolina University, has agreed to serve as the facilitator. As noted, the dialogue is from 3:00 – 4:30 pm, and will take place at the Greenville Museum of Art. The challenge for the Council is trying to get working people to leave work before 5pm to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Connecting People: Planting Seeds to Dismantle Racism Community Dialogue for October 2017

Cassandra Daniels stated the final dialogue is scheduled for October 2017. This item is an information item to be discussed at a later meeting.

Recommendations and acceptance of nominees and winners for the awards program at the Greenville Hilton on Saturday, February 25, 2017

Cassandra Daniels stated that fifteen nominations were received for the 2017 award ceremony. The subcommittee met on Monday, February 13th at 12 noon in Conference Room 337 to discuss nominations and to select winners. Heena Shah stated the following options are available for the Council (1) the Council can review and provide input of all the nominees and/or just the winners or (2) the Council can make a motion to accept the recommendations as made by the subcommittee. A motion was made by Isaac Chemmanam, seconded by Bill Neely, that the Council accept the recommendations made by the subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments – Human Relations Council Members – No comments

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

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Human Relations Officer