

**DRAFT MINUTES
BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
September 23, 2021**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-*	Olive Barrett-*	Montez Bishop-*	Jim Cox-x
Rod Debs-*	Todd Fraley-x	Shane Knight-*	Francisco Limon-*
Antonio Milton-*	Lomax Mizzelle-*	Franchine Peña-*	LaQuon Rogers-*
Heena Shah-*	Deborah Sheppard-x	Trish Vu-x	

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

Samar Badwan, Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the Thursday, September 23rd meeting. Due to the pandemic, a lot of things have changed. The Council has sponsored less community dialogues, events, and seminars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No minutes

OLD BUSINESS

A. Inclusive Community Event – Community Resilience Appreciation Day

Mr. Logan Harrison stated the event was a success and the video represents what our community is for, which is being resilient in the face of adversity. *Staff* stated that ECU and the Tedi Bear Project, an affiliate of ECU, were unable to participate. The video will be shown throughout the City’s social media sites. *Vice-Chair Franchine Pena* stated this is the second time Mr. Kelvin Thomas has the Council and- there should be some kind of way we can show our appreciation to him. Mr. Thomas goes above and beyond and this is an excellent video. *Rev. Rod Debs* stated he appreciate those organizations and City employees that were “masked.” *Staff* stated that some of the pictures in the video were taken prior to COVID-19.

B. Task Forces’ Recommendations

Vice-Chair Franchine Pena the report is almost complete. As discussed in the Council’s August 26th meeting, the report will include the mission, the story and the recommendations of each task force. The names and titles of the members for each task force will be listed. The Leadership Team is scheduled to meet with the Mayor and City Manager on Wednesday, November 10th at 4:30 pm. *Rev. Rod Debs*, asked if this meeting was for the full Council? *Staff* informed the Council the meeting is for the Chair of the Connecting People: Planting Seeds to Dismantle Racism, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Human Relations Council.

C. Annual Award Ceremony

The Human Relations Council will observe their 50th Anniversary, Saturday, February 26, 2022. According to previous meetings of the subcommittee, the Council would like for the

celebration of the 50th Anniversary to include different kinds of entertainment, as well as, different selections of food for the reception, and the program booklet. Entertainment, food and the program booklet should represent the diversity of the Greenville community. Issues around COVID-19 continues to be a concern for the Council. A decision regarding the venue for the 50th Anniversary depends on if things are better with the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Human Relations Council Meeting – November 18, 2021

A motion was made by Heena Shah, second by Shane Knight, to change the November 18th meeting to November 16th at 6:00 pm. The Council voted via roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Open Meeting Agenda: No comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Francisco Limon, seconded by Vice-Chair Franchine Pena, to adjourn. The Council voted via roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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