

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL  
February 24, 2022**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-*	Olive Barrett-x	Rod Debs-*
Todd Fraley-*	Logan Harrison-*	Liz Liles-*
Francisco Limon-*	Antonio Milton-*	Lomax Mizzelle-*
Franchine Peña-*	LaQuon Rogers-x	Procopio Serrano-*
Kevin Cruz-Torres-x	Tyrone Walston-*	Mayee Zhu-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, February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Francisco Limon, seconded by Logan Harrison, to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes with any necessary corrections. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Fiftieth Anniversary of the Human Relations Council Proclamation – Annual Award Ceremony**

*Cassandra Daniels*, stated the proclamation for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Human Relations Council was provided to the Council via email on February 18<sup>th</sup> for comments and suggestions for any changes. Suggested language from the Council’s Chair, Samar Badwan, was incorporated, along with alternative language for areas that focus on an individual’s gender and disability/ability. Wording for the “second WHEREAS”:

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville believes in the dignity and worth of every individual, regardless of race, creed, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, differently-able, and individuals with diverse abilities; and

After no further discussion, the following motions *were unanimously approved via roll call vote*:

**FIRST MOTION:** A motion was made by *Rod Debs*, seconded by *Tyrone Walston*, to approve the language change as indicated above. Motion passed unanimously.

**SECOND MOTION:** A motion was made *Logan Harrison*, seconded by *Lomax Mizzell*, to approve the proclamation, proclaiming February as Human Relations Month and celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Human Relations Council. Motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. November and December Meetings

**Cassandra Daniels** informed the Council that meetings for November and December interfere with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Council rescheduled the November and December meetings for 2021; but, due to circumstances beyond our control (sickness, family obligations, etc.) the Council met; but, was unable to take any action, due to lack of a quorum. Suggested dates for those meetings are:

- November 10, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
- December 8, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Council members voiced their concerns regarding not to meet and discussed events that occur in the early months of the year. It was noted that standing committees/subcommittees will continue to meet. However, if the Council decide to cancel the November and December meetings, the Council will not be able to vote on plans that are developed by the committees/subcommittees; especially the 2023 annual award ceremony. Majority of the members felt it necessary to meet either November or December and was adamant about not cancelling both meetings. If plans for the 2023 annual award ceremony is presented to the full Council before the scheduled November meeting, the Council can decide later if the November meeting is necessary. There being no further discussion, **Antonio Milton** made a motion, seconded by **Rod Debs**, that the Council meet in November (November 10, 2022) and the December meeting is cancelled. Motion was unanimously approved via a roll call vote.

### B. Fair Housing Initiative – April 2022

**Cassandra Daniels** stated the Fair Housing Committee meet on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom to discuss activities for April, which is Fair Housing Month. The following was presented to the Council:

- Create Fair Housing Month Proclamation
- Venue - Fair Housing Seminar
- Poster or Essay Fair Housing Contest (award)
- Try to create a fair housing seminar for tenants
- Establish partnerships
- Incentives

In recent years, the seminar for renters have been poorly attended. It's true that for some renters the interest may not be there. However, there is a large population of renters that face a number of challenges that prevent them from participating (childcare, transportation, fear of being evicted, etc.). **Liz Liles** stated a wrap round event for renters may urge them to attend. If there are opportunities for vendors to share and provide relevant information (DSS, GHA, etc.) that will assist renters with housing needs, it may encourage them to participate. After no more discussion, staff stated the proclamation, the venue and marketing material will be made available for Council's consideration March 24, 2022 meeting.

### **C. Inclusive Community Initiative**

*Cassandra Daniels* stated two events are sponsored by the Council in September. Those events are:

- 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance – Sunday, September 11, 2022
- Inclusive Community Breakfast – Thursday, September 22, 2022

An email invite for an upcoming meeting will go out to the committee members prior to the Council's March meeting.

### **D. Open Meeting Agenda: No comments**

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Franchine Pena, seconded by Todd Fraley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra Daniels*

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Human Relations Officer