## **NOTES**

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM:

Michael W. Cowin, Deputy City Manager

DATE:

September 7, 2022

SUBJECT:

Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

- 1. A memo from Thomas Barnett, Planning and Development Services Director, regarding September events hosted by the Greenville Human Relations Council
- 2. Agenda for September 13, 2022 Police Community Relations Committee meeting and minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting

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Attachments



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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ann E. Wall, City Manager

FROM:

Thomas Barnett, Planning and Development Services Director

DATE:

August 30, 2022

RE:

Notes to Council – September Events

The Greenville Human Relations Council invite you to join us at the following events:

- I. Fifteenth Annual Inclusive Community Breakfast will take place Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am. The theme: Mental Health: A Community Based Approach. According to Mental Health America's (MHA)'s State of Mental Health in America Report, 47.1 million people are currently living with a mental health condition, an increase of 1.5 million since 2019. Due to COVID-19, so many have suffered with mental health-related issues and many Americans have suffered silently without a diagnosis and/or treatment. Among those living with a mental illness, MHA found that:
  - 10.8 percent were uninsured
  - 57 percent of adults received no treatment
  - 60 percent of youth with depression received no treatment
  - 73 percent of youth with severe depression didn't receive consistent care

A community based approach could provide innovative solutions for building preventative measures that may help to reduce the stigma that is associated with mental health conditions.

#### Presenters are:

Mr. Timothy G. Livengood, MSL, MBA
 Empowerment East (formerly Mental Health America of Eastern Carolina)
 Chairman of the Board of Directors

Ms. Karen Harrington
 Director of Student Services
 Pitt County Schools

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- Dr. Nathan Harper, Psychiatrist ECU Health
- Dr. Valerie Kissler-Van Reede, Director ECU Counseling Services

You may register via email: <u>cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov</u>. A flyer is attached and breakfast is included. Please contact the Human Relations Office via email: <u>cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov</u>, or phone (252) 329-4494, if you have any questions.

II. The North Carolina Human Relations Commission/Council Statewide Meeting. The City of Greenville and the Greenville Human Relations Council will host the statewide meeting for Human Relations Commissions/Councils on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. This event will take place at the Hilton.

The North Carolina Human Relations Commission is responsible for marketing the event and providing the itinerary/program for the event. The main presenters during the first session at the Statewide Meeting are Sharon C. Goodson, president of the North Carolina Community Action Association (NCCAA) and Krystina Dillard, director of training and programs for the NCCAA. They are a statewide non-profit organization that focuses on several issues that are connected to human relations issues. The NCCAA provides technical assistance to a total of thirty-four (34) regional community action groups located throughout the state. There website link: https://www.nccaa.net/. Their website shows the association's story, who they are, what they do, their initiatives, a list of all the regional community action groups across the state. They will be presenting information on what they do and how they and Local Human Relations Commissions across the state can collaborate on human relations issues in their local areas.

The second presenters during the second session of the Statewide Meeting will be an interactive session and will be led by Terry Bradley, president of the North Carolina Chapter-National Association of Human Rights Workers (NC-NAHRW), and James Davis, Jr., vice-president of the chapter. They will be facilitating the session entitled, "Ideas and Topics to consider for a Proposed Statewide Human Relations/Civil Rights Conference". They will be getting ideas and topics for the chapter to consider when they finalize their plans to have a statewide conference in the future.

Please register via email: <u>cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov</u>. Breakfast and lunch is included. If you have any questions, please contact the Human Relations Office via email: <u>cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov</u>, or phone (252)329-4494.

cc: Mr. Les Everett, Planning and Development Services Assistant Director Ms. Tawanda Cage, Administrative Assistant

Greenville Human Relations Council 15<sup>TH</sup> Annual

# Inclusive Community Breakfast

Thursday, September 22 • 8:30 AM Greenville Hilton • 207 Greenville Blvd SW

Mental Health: A Community Based Approach

### **Presentations by:**

**Mr. Timothy Livengood**Director, Empowerment East

**Ms. Karen Harrington**Director of Student Services
Pitt County Schools

**Dr. Nathan Harper**Psychiatrist, ECU Health

**Dr. Valerie Kisler-van Reede, PhD**Licensed Psychologist
Director, ECU Counseling Center

Please register by contacting Cassandra Daniels at cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov or (252) 329-4494



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### POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE A G E N D A

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Greenville City Council Chambers 200 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27834

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

TBD

- Approval of the Agenda September 13, 2022
- Presentation: School Safety, Proactive and Reactive Response Presenters:

Interim Chief Ted Sauls Dr. Ethan Lenker Lt. Michael Montanye Karen Harrington - Greenville Police Department

- Pitt County Superintendent Schools

- GPD Strategic Services & SRO Supervisor- Pitt County Schools Director of Psychologists

- Pitt County Mental Health Expert

- Committee members Expression and Questions
- Business Meeting Approval of Minutes May 10, 2022
  - State briefly the Mission of the Committee and purpose of the meeting
  - Plans for October, November and December
- Next Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- Adjourn

NOTE: To maintain order of the board and clarity of recording, please allow one person to speak at a time.

#### The Police Committee Relations Committee Mission Statement:

Serve as a liaison between the community and the police. To serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police. To disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department. To assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.



### City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 307 Martinsborough Road, Greenville, NC 27858

**Committee Members Present:** 

Carol Ann Naipaul Chair District 2
Sonny Bass Vice Chair District 5
Diane Kulik At-Large
Sterling Ruffin District 4

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Gary Davis District 3
Betsy Ray Mayoral
Vacant District 1

### **City Staff Members Present:**

Police Chief Mark Holtzman, Staff Liaison Assistant City Attorney Donald K. Phillips Devinder Culver, Community Projects Coordinator, Staff Liaison Sgt. Richard Williams, Community Outreach

K9 Officer Robert Parker and Pepper, K9 Unit

K9 Officer Bradley Nunnery and Axle, K9 Unit

K9 Officer Nathan Lather and Suny, K9 Unit

K9 Officer William Groseclose and Apollo, K9 Unit

K9 Officer Michael Causey, K9 Unit (Draco was absent)

Officer Terrance Daltroff, Neighborhood Policing Unit

Carol Ann Naipaul (Chair) called the meeting to order outside in the grounds of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Carol Naipaul introduced Committee member Diane Kulik. Diane began by thanking the leadership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for hosting the program and the members of PCRC for helping to make it come to fruition. Diane then introduced K9 Officer Bobby Parker.

K9 Officer Parker thanked everyone for coming. He then introduced the other four K9 officers present, Officers Bradley Nunnery, Nathan Lather, William Groseclose and Michael Causey. After a short presentation, the meeting moved indoors.

Over 120 residents had the opportunity to learn about how canines are trained, housed and rewarded. Officer Parker mentioned how the dogs helped with tracking lost children, dementia patients and criminals. He also stated that they assisted officers at traffic stops, trespassing cases and building searches. Officer Parker was most emphatic about the strength of the bond between the handlers and their dogs and how invaluable the canines were to the Greenville Police Department.

Officers Bradley Nunnery and William Groseclose demonstrated how Axle and Apollo searched for drugs and how they differed in showing their success. Axle pawed vigorously at the site of the drugs while Apollo became still, sat and refused to move.

Officer Parker thanked Diane Kulik for her support of the Greenville Police Department and for providing the funds for the purchase of Axle and Pepper. "We absolutely love her..." said Officer Parker.

Chairperson Carol Naipaul thanked the K9 Officers, the dogs, Diane Kulik and the Church for a wonderful evening.

Mrs. Naipaul then asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes. Diane made the motion to approve the minutes as read and Sonny seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Carol reminded everyone of the June meeting and the importance of attending. She mentioned that we would be developing our presentation to Council that is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. August 15, 2022. Decisions would also need to be made regarding PCRC meetings for September, October and November 2022.

Devinder pointed out that PCRC members had a choice to either make a presentation to Council or provide a written update.

Carol asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Sterling. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devinder Culver

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

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