

**ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
January 26, 2023**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in COMPSTAT Conference Room. Members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-*	Olive Barrett-*	Susann Camus-*
Rod Debs-*	Todd Fraley-*	Tyleik Harris-*
Logan Harrison-*	Liz Liles-x	Antonio Milton-*
Lomax Mizzelle-x	Franchine Peña-*	LaQuon Rogers-x
Procopio Serrano-*	Tyrone Walston-x	

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

ROLL CALL: *Ms. Cassandra Daniels, staff liaison*, called the roll and quorum was ascertained.

Ms. Samar Badwan, Chair called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes not available.

REVISED AGENDA: Chairperson Samar Badwan stated the agenda has been revised to add Mayor Connelly's request for suggestions to recognize/celebrate the City's relationship with Yeonsu, Korea. Ms. Susann Camus, made a motion for the Council to accept the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair, Ms. Franchine Pena. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Human Relations Council Training

Mr. Gene Troy, with North Carolina Human Relations Commission provided training to the Council on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Council members expressed the importance of having opportunities in the future to gain knowledge on issues and concerns that staff and Council members face on a regular basis. Members stated the training was great and that Mr. Troy did an excellent job with sharing information and answering questions.

B. Annual Report

Members of the Council stated the report that was given by Mr. Logan Harrison was great and he did an excellent job presenting to City Council on the Council's behalf. Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Harrison for his willingness to assist.

C. Task Forces Report - Update

An update of the Racial Equity Task Forces Report was provided by the Council's Chair and Vice-Chair. The Council expressed the important of having the report presented to City Council. Recommendations from each task force may need some type of response and/or consideration. This Council, other city staff and community members spent a lot of time and effort in developing this report. The report is worth presenting to City Council.

After further discussion, Cassandra Daniels, staff liaison, stated this item can be placed on the March agenda. The Council at that time can decide how they would like to move forward with the report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. GHRC Fiftieth Anniversary

Staff Liaison, Cassandra Daniels, reminded of their 50th Anniversary celebration to be held Saturday, February 25th at 5:30 pm. The event will take place at the Hilton. Since the Council decided not to accept nominations; but to recognize individuals and organizations that are always their helping the Council with programs, initiatives and community dialogues. Awards will be given for the Community Service Youth Awards and the Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards – Individual Awards and an Organization Award. The following names were presented to the Council for their consideration:

Community Service Youth Awards:

Olivia Thorn
Asia Gorham
Jamia Galloway
Sadie Smith
Alex Guilford
George Huo
Sharma Hyman

Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards (Citizen)

Jeannette M. Debs
Amando E. Pena
Louise M. Hudak

Best-Irons Humanitarian Award (Organization)

Interfaith Clergy – Standing for the Community

After no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Olive Barrett, seconded by Mr. Todd Fraley to accept the above names to be honored and recognized at the 50th Anniversary of the Greenville Human Relations Council. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Awards and Commemorative Booklet

Staff Liaison Cassandra Daniels stated the awards will be provided to each of the recipients listed above. The cost for the awards have gone up. However, since the Council are giving fewer awards, the cost may be less than the cost in 2020. The commemorative booklet in color or black/white will be expensive. In 2020, 325 people attended the event; but, fewer people may attend since nominations were not received from the community. The question is how many books are needed? Mr. Todd Fraley suggested the City consider digital booklet. The City will have to create a QR Code that can be used by citizens to view the booklet. If the City has the manpower that can help. Staff Liaison stated the Public Information Office could assist, if they are available.

After much discussion concerning the commemorative booklet and a plated vs non-plated meal, a motion was made by Ms. Susann Camus, seconded by Ms. Olive Barrett to not outsource the commemorative booklet, if the City can assist with a digital booklet and that we continue with a non-plated meal (buffet) for the event. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Leadership Team

Vice-Chair Franchine Pena reminded the Council that working as part of the Leadership Team has been very beneficial for the Council. This is how we were able to accomplish the work of the Racial Equity Task Forces Report. It's important that has to deal with issues that members of Council rotate and work with the Mayor and City Manager.

D. Commemorate and Observe Sister City Relationship

Mr. Byung Lee gave brief historical about Yeonsu and spoke about the importance of the Sister City Program and the need for the City and Yeonsu continue their relationship. Examples of how the City and Yeonsu can benefit is through a student exchange program and a virtual baseball exchange program.

Vice-Chair Franchine Pena, provided information that will allow the Council to review some basic ideas for the City to consider observing their relationship with Yeonsu, Korea.

Some of the suggestions are:

- Create a Sister cities International display at the local library,
- Ask if you can leave information about your sister city organization at your local library,
- Display gifts from your Sister Community,
- Create a website about your Sister City Program, and
- Host a public exhibit about your Sister community.

After much discussion the following members expressed their interest and volunteered to work the Sister City relationship for the City and Yeonsu: Franchine Pena, Todd Fraley, Procopio Serrano, Tyleik Harris and Olive Barrett.

E. Community Dialogues

It was suggested the members discuss concerns of the community and develop a list of topics for the Council's consideration at the March meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by *Ms. Olive Barrett*, seconded by *Mr. Logan Harrison*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

Cassandra Daniels
Human Relations Officer