

**ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE  
GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**

**February 15, 2024**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in Conference Room 337, located on the third floor of City Hall. Members absent denoted by x.

John Porter- Acee-\*

George Cherry-x

Camilya Jones-\*

Franchine Peña-\*

Tyrone Walston-x

Zykeiah Allen-x

Todd Fraley-\*

Francisco Limon-\*

Thomas Remington-\*

Deninisa Allsbrook-\*

Tyleik Harris-x

Antonio Milton-\*

Procopio Serrano-\*

Portia Willis, City Council Liaison-\*    Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-\*

**Chairperson Franchine Philpot Peña** called the meeting to order and **Cassandra Daniels, staff liaison**, called the roll and quorum was ascertained.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 25, 2024, minutes were not approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Award Ceremony - Update**

Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison, reported the Annual Award Ceremony will take place Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Greenville Convention Center.

**Award Nominations:** Chairperson Franchine Pena stated the subcommittee met at 5:00 pm and have decided on the 2024 winners. There are seven (7) Youth nominations for the Community Service Youth Award and the winners are: Morgan Harvey, Saanvi Kumar, Christine Park, Thomas Speight, Nasir Stanford, Loreal Thomas, and Sunook Yoon, the Adult Community Service Award winner is Dajon Williams; and the Community Service Organization Award winner is Eastern North Carolina Regional Association of Black Social Service. The Distinguished Inclusive Community award winner is the Student Government Association at East Carolina University, the Best-Irons Individual award winner is Isaiah Posey, and the Best-Irons Organization award winner is Pitt County 4-H Allstars. A motion was made by Antonio Milton, seconded by Todd Fraley to accept the slate of winners as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Members Orientation**

Cassandra Daniels reminded the Council of new members orientation scheduled for Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Orientation will take place in this Conference Room (Conference Room 337) 30 minutes prior to the Council's regular meeting. Due to Holy Week (Sunday, March 24 – Saturday, March 30), orientation may have to be rescheduled.

**Fair Housing Month**

Cassandra Daniels stated the observance of Fair Housing Month is April 2024. The Human

Relations Council and their partners (GAPMA – Greenville Area Property Managers Association and Pitt County Human Relations Commission) will host the City’s fair housing seminar on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will take place at the Hilton. Additional information will be provided later.

## **Juneteenth Celebration**

Cassandra Daniels stated Juneteenth celebrations are scheduled for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the possibility of having a HBCU Drumline to perform at the Juneteenth event was discussed. Many thought it’s a great idea; but, because schools are out for the summer and many students return home, the probability of them performing is slim to none. Unfortunately, this is the case and we are unable to secure an HBCU Drumline for the event. Hopefully, there will be other opportunities and occasions for us to invite them. Also, staff has spoken with the Fashion Club at East Carolina University to see if they were interested. Again, the challenge is the same with students not being available for the summer. However, they are trying to accommodate us.

Chairperson Franchine Peña mentioned some of the activities that will take place at the event. There will be face painting, cultural Bingo, a gospel choir, Regina Garcia (spoken word), a number of dance groups (Katura and Hype), the South Central High School Drumline, bouncy houses, Drum Circle, fireworks and a number of other activities.

Council Member, Todd Fraley stated there is a group called FAME that consist of models and a new African America Dance Group at ECU. The African America Dance Group recently performed at ECU basketball game and they are good. Cassandra Daniels stated she would try to make contact regarding their availability.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **September 11: A National Day of Remembrance**

Cassandra Daniels stated there has been a few calls (2 or 3 calls) regarding the September 11<sup>th</sup> event. The Council has sponsored events prior to COVID. Wednesday, September 11, 2024 will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary. The question for the Council is, do they want to entertain doing an event, to honor, reflect and remember what happened at the World Trade Center? If so, details regarding the program and collaborating with others need the Council’s attention. A motion was made by Procopio Serrano, seconded by Francisco Limon, that the Council give consideration to hosting a 9/11 event in September. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2024 Community Dialogues(s)**

Staff Liaison, Cassandra Daniels stated the last community dialogue was held July 16, 2020, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s Parish Hall. That dialogue was facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Copeland, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches and an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

Community dialogues bring together the voices and talents across communities and provide a greater diversity of views that help generate ideas and solutions to relationships across those lines

that keep us divided. Examples of topics the Council plan to focus on are: (1) human trafficking, (2) homelessness, (3) lack of affordable housing, (4) mental health issues, (5) financial literacy, etc.

### **Staff Report**

Cassandra Daniels stated in March, the Council will receive a report on the activities/work responsibilities of the office. The report will mainly provide information on tenant/landlord cases that staff handles.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Francisco Limon, seconded by Antonio Milton. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra Daniels*

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Human Relations Officer