

ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

June 27, 2024

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, April 25th 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-x	Zykeiah Allen-x	Deninisa Allsbrook-*
Monisha Atkinson-*	Teena Barnes-x	George Cherry-*
Todd Fraley-*	Tyleik Harris-x	Camilya Jones-*
Francisco Limon-x	Antonio Milton-*	Franchine Peña-*
Thomas Remington-*	Procopio Serrano-*	Tyrone Walston-*

Portia Willis, City Council Liaison-x 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: A motion was made by Antonio Milton, seconded by Thomas Remington, to approve the April 25, 2024, minutes with any corrections if there be any. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Juneteenth Celebration

Chairperson stated the Juneteenth Celebration was fantastic. She spoke about how the Trolley ride was very comfortable and cool. The information provided by the tour guides, Mr. Andrew Schmidt and Mrs. Ella Harris, was very educational and great material was shared. Some of the key points were the Sycamore Hill Gateway Memorial, where the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, a prominent black church in the community was located, the Roxy Theatre, known as the Block (629 Albemarle Avenue) and C. M. Eppes High School where Mr. Charles Eppes, the principal of Greenville's African American school served for 65 years as teacher and administrator. The Juneteenth Proclamation was read by the Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem, Monica Daniels and Greenville Youth Council Members Morgan Worsley and Alex Guilford presented historical information on the Juneteenth Celebration.

September 11, 2001 – Wednesday, September 11, 2024

This item is on the agenda as a reminder of the Council's action at the April 25th meeting:

A motion was made by Procopio Serrano, seconded by Francisco Limon, that the Council give consideration to hosting a 9/11 event in September 2026 and the Council focus on planning and establishing partnerships for a city-wide event. Motion carried unanimously.

Inclusive Community Breakfast

Cassandra Daniels stated Ms. Pamela Strickland the founder of NC Stop Human Trafficking Organization has confirmed and accepted to be the keynote for the city's 17th Annual Inclusive

Community Breakfast. This event will take place at the Hilton on Thursday, September 26th at 8:30 am.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Session

Staff stated the 2016 – 2020 Strategic Plan was provided at the May 23rd meeting. New members have not had an opportunity to review the document. It was the consensus of the Council that the Strategic Planning Session is placed on a future agenda for discussion on how to move forward. No action was taken.

Appointments to Subcommittees

Staff stated volunteers are needed for the following subcommittees:

- Inclusive Community Initiative
 - ✓ Monisha Atkinson
 - ✓ Rebecca Houston
 - ✓ Camilya Jones

- Fair Housing Initiative
 - ✓ Todd Fraley
 - ✓ George Cherry, Jr.
 - ✓ John Porter-Acee

- Dismantling Racism Initiative
 - ✓ Monisha Atkinson
 - ✓ Antonio Milton

- Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon (no one volunteered)

- Bylaws
 - ✓ Thomas Remington

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Todd Fraley, seconded by George Cherry, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

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Human Relations Officer