

**PROPOSED MINUTES
BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
April 3, 2013**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the third floor conference room (Room 337) of City Hall. Members present denoted by *, members absent denoted by x.

Enji Abdu-x	Marvin Arrington-x	Rodney Coles-*
Loyd Horton-*	Robert Hudak -*	Byng Lee-*
Satirical Lee-x	Prudencio Martinez-Mangle-*	Helen Pase-*
Franchine Pena-*	Heena Shah-*	Maurice Whitehurst-x
Bonnie Snyder-*		

Rose Glover, Mayor Pro-Tem-x Cassandra Daniels, Staff Liaison-*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Coles announced the following:

1. Churches Outreach Network and East Carolina University will provide free hot meals during the month of April on every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.
2. Elder Touch Your Heart meeting will take place on April 16th at Sheppard Library to discuss mowing lawns of the elderly.

WELCOME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Helen Pase, seconded by Bob Hudak, to approve the March 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

INCIDENT REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Housing Month

Cassandra Daniels stated that fair housing seminars will take place April 23 – 24, 2013. The April 23rd seminar is for tenants and will take place at C. M. Epps Recreation Center, located at 400 Nash Street. This event is free to all tenants. In addition, lunch and a few door prizes will be provided. The seminar for property managers/landlords will take place at the Hilton on April 24th. Mr. Ken Szymanski, with the Apartment Association of North Carolina and Greater Charlotte Apartment Association is the presenter for both seminars.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any entries for the poster contest. Members of GAPMA and I met Tuesday, March 26 to discuss options and alternatives for the contest. The subcommittee did not feel extending the deadline would ensure receiving entries. Several things may have occurred to prevent participation. The poster was marketed through the media (newspapers, radio announcements, flyer provided to churches, etc.). However, the 2013 theme (Fair Housing: The Key is not to Discriminate), may have prevented participation as well as the awards. The

subcommittee decided not to give cash awards to first place winners. First place winners would have received an Ipad (High School) and Ipod Touch (Middle and Elementary Schools).

Byung Lee stated another poster contest is going on at the same time; it is The Youth Art Expression poster contest. This contest is sponsored by The Art Education Programs of Pitt County, Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, East Carolina University College of Fine Arts and Communication and the City of Greenville Police Department. The art work will be displayed on the Professional Association for Design website.

Prudencio Martinez-Mengel suggested that the Council give thought to developing a photo contest to promote diversity and cultural in Greenville. It can be opened to the schools and the general public and have the photos on display all Art Museum. We can talk with ASAP photo to see if they will give a photo shoot to the winner. The photos can include religious groups, schools, families, etc. No specify topic but open to the community, to show how we embrace one another.

Cassandra Daniels stated it's a good idea and I think we can make it happen. However, it may tie in better with the City's Inclusive Community Initiative. Even if it is not a contest, why not create DVD's of the City's diversity and have it shown on GTV.

Heena Shah stated that the art work can be displayed at the Greenville Museum of Art or have it displayed as a part of the Art Walk. Every school has a week where student's art work is on display for public review.

Rodney Coles commented on previous posters that are in the Human Relations Office. He stated it would be good to have an art exhibit for the City.

Bob Hudak stated that another place where the art work could be shown on the City's website, like the photos that appear in The Daily Reflector (Scene Around).

Cassandra Daniels stated the photos/art work could be displayed in various places; city website, city facilities, etc. It's a great suggestion, but should it be a contest.

Byung Lee, stated that sometime people don't know about the event. Cassandra Daniels stated the poster contest was advertised several times in The Daily Reflector, Minority Voice and the Daily Drum.

Neighborhood Symposium

Cassandra Daniels the symposium is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. It will take place at City Hall. The Human Relations Council will not be presenting information regarding the City's Immigrant Advisory Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Death w/Interruptions

Franchine Pena reminded the Council that the Council has partner with The End of Life Coalition to host a facilitated book discussion on the book "Death with Interruptions. The discussion will take place in the Council Chambers on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 pm.

Citizen Exchange Program

The Council decided to table this item until more information is provided. A motion was made by Franchine Pena, second by Bob Hudak, to table the Citizen Exchange Program, until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

NC Planning Conference

Cassandra Daniels stated she was contacted by Will Kerr regarding the Council's work on immigrant integration. He would like to know if the Council would be interesting in submitting a proposal to share our work/challenges/experience at the September conference in Wilmington. A motion was made by Bob Hudak, seconded by Rodney Coles, to not submit a proposal to present the Council's work on immigrant integration. Motion carried unanimously.

HUD Grant – Fair Housing Initiative

Cassandra Daniels stated that HUD has a Fair Housing Initiative Grant that is made available to local governments to apply for funding to assist in the City's effort build awareness and educate local citizens on fair housing. Funding can be used for additional staff, educational material, advertising, mandatory training, etc. A motion was made by Franchine Pena, seconded by Byung Lee, to seek approval to apply for HUD's Fair Housing Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bonnie Snyder, seconded by Franchine Pena, to adjourn until the first Wednesday night in May. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

Cassandra Daniels
Human Relations Officer