

**MINUTES**  
**BY GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**  
**March 25, 2021**

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Members absent denoted by x.

Samar Badwan-*	Olive Barrett-*	Montez Bishop-*	Jim Cox-x
Rod Debs-*	Todd Fraley-x	Shane Knight-*	Francisco Limon-x
Antonio Milton-*	Lomax Mizzelle-*	Franchine Peña-*	LaQuon Rogers-x
Heena Shah-*	Deborah Sheppard-*	Trish Vu-x	

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

**Samar Badwan, Chair** called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the Thursday, March 25, 2021 meeting. Due to the pandemic, a lot of things have changed. The Council has sponsored less community dialogues, events, and seminars. For tonight’s meeting, there are no new items for discussion. However, the Council has the option to use the “**open agenda**” process, giving members of the Council an opportunity to bring up concerns or items they think the Council should or may need to focus on for 2021 fiscal year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Observance of Fair Housing Month**

The City’s Fair Housing Seminar is Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. This is a virtual event and the speaker is Attorney Will Brownlee. The sponsors are the City of Greenville and the Greenville Area Property Managers Association.

**B. Inclusive Community Breakfast**

This event is Thursday, September 23, 2021. After much discussion regarding the pandemic and COVID-19 issues, the Council decided to have those serving on the committee to decide if this will be an in-person or virtual event. The Inclusive Community Initiative Committee will meet Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm.

**C. Annual Award Ceremony**

The Human Relations Council will observe their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Saturday, February 26, 2022. The Annual Award Ceremony Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Open Agenda**

**Vice-Chair Franchine Pena** state the Greenville Youth Council, along with the Greenville Human Relations Council and the Greenville Area Property Managers Association will sponsor a community dialogue, “Let’s Talk about It”, providing a platform for Greenville/Pitt County youth

to talk about their experiences regarding COVID-19. The event will consist of a five member panelist/experts; such as, teachers, counselors, social workers, parents, students, NC Representatives, school board officials, etc. **Mr. Montez Bishop** stated he was glad to hear the Youth Council wanting to talk about their experiences during the pandemic. Students need to know they are not alone in what they are feeling. Some students don't know what anxiety is or how to deal with it. It would benefit everyone if coping mechanisms could be shared with the attendees. **Rev. Rod Debs** suggested that staff contact the Teddy Bear Project, an organization that assist children and families when dealing with a crisis.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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