# PROPOSED MINUTES BY GREENVI LLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL November 06, 2013

The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) met Wednesday, November 6, 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 Abdo-*	Marvin Arrington-*	R
Loyd Horton-*	Robert Hudak -x	B
Shaterica Lee-*	Prudencio Martinez-Mengel-x	Te
Helen Pase-*	Franchine Pena-*	Η
Bonnie Snyder-*	Maurice Whitehurst-x	

Rodney Coles-\* Byung Lee-\* Terry Parrish-\* Heena Shah-\*

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Franchine Pena, seconded by Heena Shah, to approve the September 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Community Forums**

**Terry Parrish** stated in August the Council had discussed inviting Rev. Willard Bass with the Institute for Dismantling Racism (IDR) to speak with the Council about his organization and to see if he could assist the Council with hosting a town hall meetings and/or community forums on systemic racism.

Members of the Council agreed that IDR would be an excellent organization to partner with. However, there were concerns regarding cost for bringing him to attend the December meeting. **Cassandra Daniels** stated the City will have to pay round-trip travelling expenses from Winston-Salem, and probably hotel cost, if he plans to stay overnight.

A motion was made by Terry Parrish, seconded by Rodney Coles, that staff contact Rev. Willard Bass regarding his availability and cost for the Council's December meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cassandra Daniels** stated that after she speaks with Merrill Flood, Community Development Director, the Council will be notified via e-mail regarding Rev. Bass and the December meeting. **Human Relations Council Annual Award Ceremony** 

**Byung Lee** spoke about the 2014 award ceremony that is scheduled for February 22, 2014. We want the event to be as successful as this year's (February 2013). Approximately 405 people attended the event. The Council discussed the possibility of selling tickets and/or sponsors to help

cover the cost of the event. **Cassandra Daniels** stated that for seven or eight years the Council tried to sale tickets, but was not successful in getting people to attend. We (the Council) sometimes laugh at the fact that each member was responsible for ten tickets. We purchased our own tickets and had to beg people to attend the event. **Cassandra Daniels** further stated since the format of the program has changed (no speaker) the community seems to enjoy the event more. **Byung Lee** suggested that each Council member to consider asking organizations/agencies/churches to sponsor a table (\$200).

## Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

**Cassandra Daniels** stated the Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon will take place at Thomas Foreman Park at 11:30 am. Bob Hudak is the speaker, Franchine Pena is the Mistress of Ceremony and Ernest Silver will provide entertainment. This is event is sponsored by: Walgreens, Attends, St. Timothy's Church, Churches Outreach Network Ministries, Hope of Glory Ministries, the City of Greenville (Community Development Department – Human Relations Council and Youth Council).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Human Relations Council Budget

Cassandra Daniels stated \$9,500 was allocated for the following events:

- Inclusive Community Breakfast (September 2013)
- Annual Award Ceremony and Reception (February 2014)
- Fair Housing Month (April 2014)

Expenditures for the breakfast in September were: \$1,571.62 (Hilton) and \$190.00 (Action Digital Photography). There is a remaining balance of \$7,738.38.

Please note the cost of the Senior Citizens Luncheon is paid from funds raised by the Human Relations and Youth Councils.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Parrish, and Heena Shah, to adjourn until the first Wednesday night in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Daniels

Cassandra Daniels Human Relations Officer

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