

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Monday, July 12, 2021 – 7 p.m.

Goshen City Council Chamber - **111 East Jefferson St.**



Present: Cathie Cripe, Ed Groff, and Malik Cato

On Zoom: Sreekala Rajagopalan, Don Brown, Michele Fanfair-Steury

Also Present: AJ Delgadillo (CRC Director)

Absent: Glenn Null, Megan Eichorn, Judith Davis

This meeting was called to order at (7:04 pm)

Call to Order & Opening

Review Minutes from June 14, 2021, & Treasurer's Report – **Motion made:** Sreekala, **Seconded** by Don Brown. **(Approved)**

Review of the CRC Mission and Principles – **Read Aloud**

Introduction of CRC members and visitors - **Completed**

Review the agenda – **(Approved unanimously).**

Getting Comfortable: CRC Community Building – (Room discussion) Can you remember a time when someone you live near went from being a geography neighbor to someone with who you were in a relationship with? **(Open conversation)**

Added to the Agenda by Don Brown: Juneteenth Discussion (Please share your experiences, and indicate if the group would be interested in future events)? Don thanked the members for attending the event and for the much-needed marketing name badges, designed by AJ and magnets to pass out at the event.

New Business

1. Intercultural Competency Training Proposal Dr. Riley (Discussion) Confirm with Dr. Riley to see if she would be available for a two-hour retreat?

Motion made by: Cathy Crips **2nd by** Sreekala Rajagopalan **(Approved unanimously)**

2. **Scheduling Retreat (AJ):** September 25th, 2021. from 1:00 to 5:00 (elected as the first choice, is October 9th, 2021 1:00 to 5:00, as the second choice).

For the Good of CRC- Community Comment

Reports and Statistics

1. **Treasurer's Report** – (Ed Groff) After a brief meeting with the Mayor and AJ, Ed has a rough draft, with anticipation of having a completed budget report at the August meeting.
2. **Council Liaison Report – (Discussion)** Nothing New
3. **Director's Report (AJ - Discussion)** At the officers' meeting it was discussed having a 2-hr. workshop at the beginning with Janet Riley and strategic planning, led by AJ while having coffee and donuts. If you have any suggestions, please email them to AJ or anyone in the officers' circle.

AJ – Had a wonderful conversation with Jesse, she reflecting on our first series of conversations, and one of the things she brought up was; the flaws in our Pilot at the schools. Six topics were repeated that the people wanted to talk about, we devised six conversations for the Pilot. Per Jesse, we did not do any of them justice by having a conversation for 2 hours on that one topic. Jesse proposed having 1 topic for a few meetings. AJ pitched to the officers to think about having an introduction to a topic, and then looking at that topic through one lens, and then looking at that topic through another lens; taking a break and then coming back and having a whole night that is all about action! People at the schools were asking; where is the “action” part? There were always “action” committees’ people could sign up for. Making “action” be an explicit focus for the night would be pretty important. (AJ) That is one of the things I would like to discuss with the subcommittee and work out what that might look like, and how to make that practical?

(AJ) Spoke with Adriane Nesbitt with DGI, talking about ways we could continue using downtown on spaces and maybe using Art for the next version of Diversity Day. The taste of Goshen is not going to exist in the same way it has in the past. AJ would like the entire Subcommittee’s input on this topic. The ball is rolling with DGI and Adriane Nesbitt. Adriane is on the Arts and Cultural Committee, and the Mayors’ Art advisory committee.

4. Subcommittee Reports (Don, Cathy, Glenn, Sreekala) (Sundown Marker) Nothing new

Announcements by CRC members, closing comments, reflections on the meeting –

Sreekala asked who is in charge of scheduling a meeting for the Subcommittee? AJ responded, that the Subcommittee has not met at all, and it is time to make a change, that a meeting will be scheduled, even if all cannot attend. Sreekala will let the committee know if she is still interested in being on the Event's Committee, and Malik Cato volunteered to join this committee. Glenn and Judith were absent at this meeting and they will be asked to volunteer if they want to. Don Brown is willing to check with the other commissioners to see if any of them will join the "Events Committee". Sreekala requests a copy of a Committee Roster. AJ will update the Roster and email the list to the group. Don Brown commented wanting the CRC group to do some homework on; what each one believes will help the group build relationships within the group and the community, with specific training suggestions.

Motion to Adjourn Motion by Don Brown, Seconded by Sreekala Rajagopalan at 9:01 pm.

Adjourn