



Community Relations Commission
June 13, 2023 minutes

Present: Cathie Cripe, Sharon Beechy, Lori Copsey, Glenn Null, E-man Monge, Casey Kasper-Welles, Kyle Richards, Malik Cato – Commissioners
Megan Eichorn – City Council Liaison
Sarah Lozano – Youth Advisor
Lori Harrington – Director of Community Based Services, Bashor Home (guest)

Absent: Ana Zamora

Call to Order & Opening

Roll call

Review of CRC Mission and Principles

Review of agenda

The May minutes were approved.

No Director's report

New business

Lori Harrington shared the process that is used when she is working with teens in teen court.

Subcommittee reports

Juneteenth - Malik explained the history of Juneteenth for the benefit of the group. He described where the entertainment tent will be located at Shanklin Park for our event; he also updated the group on the food vendors who will be present. Volunteer positions and time slots were reviewed.

Indigenous Peoples Day – Casey reported that there will be a drum group performing that night, as well as dancers. The committee has many good ideas, but they're trying to narrow their focus a bit to fit the two-hour time slot. It was noted that we need to find out if the theater volunteers will be serving concessions.

Community Conversations - We'd like to focus the discussion on the homeless. It would be helpful to have Officer Ballard, who works with homeless people in Goshen, come speak at our next meeting. Cathie will check with him. Glen suggested that we also contact someone from the Goshen school system about how they work with homeless families.

Council Liaison

Megan reported on the city-wide check for lead pipes/exposure. City employees will visit every home in Goshen to test the pipes. Residents can also self-check their homes with guidance from the city.

Announcements

Malik reported that he will be stepping down from CRC because of work obligations. He expressed how much he has enjoyed and learned from this group. He will work through the Juneteenth celebrations. CRC members affirmed Malik's service with the Commission.

Kyle reported on the upcoming Goshen Pride Week celebration. CRC has not been directly involved with Pride but would like to explore helping next year.

It was suggested that at our next meeting we think about upcoming First Fridays and decide if/when we would like to represent CRC.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be July 11 at 6:00pm.