

**Community Relations Commission  
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6 – 7 p.m.

**Location** Goshen City Hall Conference Room - 202 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street



**AGENDA**

**CRC Members:**

1. Catherine Cripe, Chair
2. E-man Monge, Treasurer
3. Sharon Beechy, Secretary
4. Kyle Richardson
5. Ana Zamora
6. Casey Kasper-Welles
7. Lori Copsey
8. Sara Lozano, Youth Advisor
9. Megan Peel, Council Advisor

**City Staff**

1. Amanda Guzman, Communications Manager
2. Hannah Scott-Carter,  
Community Relations Manager
3. Gina Leichty, Mayor

**1. Call to Order and Welcome (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

**2. Review the CRC Principles (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

The CRC serves Goshen by developing programs and policies that aim for a city without racism or discrimination of any kind, and build capacity for creative problem-solving, resiliency, understanding, and compassion among the diverse people in our community

- a. Honor the dignity of each person and each person's rights
- b. Listen to the diverse voices of the community
- c. Cultivate constructive communication and engagement
- d. Value honesty, truthfulness, and integrity
- e. Promote a community that is safe for all
- f. Acknowledge and accept the challenge of change—that it may have both positive and negative consequences
- g. Promote the acceptance of differences
- h. Promote equality and freedom from discrimination

**3. Approve the Agenda (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

**4. Review and Approve Minutes (Sharon Beechy, Secretary)**  
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**5. Oaths of Office (Mayor Gina Leichty)**

**6. Treasurer's Report (E-man Monge, Treasurer)**

**7. Privilege of the Floor**

## 8. Neighborhood Activity Reports

(Hannah Scott-Carter & Amanda Guzman, Mayor Leichty)

- ~~a. Chamberlain - Defunct~~
- b. Clover Creek - Active
- c. East Goshen - Active, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., Abshire Cabin
- d. Historic Racemere Peninsula - Active
- e. Historic Southside - Active, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
- f. Parkside - Active
- g. Shanklin Millrace - Active
- h. Terrace Park - Active , April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Mt. Joy Conservative Mennonite
- i. West Goshen - Active , March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., West Goshen Elementary
- j. Pickwick Village - Active
- k. East Lincoln Crossroads - Working toward active
- ~~l. Rieth Park - Defunct~~
- ~~m. College Farm - Defunct~~
- ~~n. Historic Dickerson Landing - Defunct~~
- ~~o. Maplecrest - Defunct~~
- ~~p. Northside - Defunct~~
  
- q. **North Goshen Needs Assessment** (Mayor Leichty)
  - i. Gina, Mark, Katy met with Shannan and Cory Martin to discuss neighborhood needs on the North Side
  - ii. Neighborhood Needs Tour - April
  - iii. Small Bites approach: <https://www.neighborlink.org/>
  
- r. **Neighborhood Blight Reduction Project**
  - i. AUCTIONED, 115 N 22ND, DAVIDHIZAR
  - ii. AUCTIONED, 702 N 6TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - iii. AUCTIONED, 603 N 7TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - iv. AUCTIONED, 321 W OAKRIDGE, DAVIDHIZAR
  - v. AUCTIONED, 208 QUEEN, DAVIDHIZAR
  - vi. AUCTIONED, 111 S 29TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - vii. BOW DECISION, 601 N 5TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - viii. BOW DECISION, 412 N 7TH, MATT VUCKOVICH
  - ix. BOW DECISION, 304 W OAKRIDGE , ROMAN NAVARRO
  - x. REMOVED, 602 N 5TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xi. REMOVED, 218 N 9TH, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xii. REMOVED, 221 W WILDEN, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xiii. SET FOR REPAIR, 112 W JACKSON, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xiv. SET FOR REPAIR, 207 QUEEN, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xv. SET FOR REPAIR, 209 QUEEN, DAVIDHIZAR
  - xvi. REINSPECTIONS NEEDED, 309 N 9TH, BONTRAGER
  - xvii. REINSPECTIONS NEEDED, 308 E PLYMOUTH, BONTRAGER
  - xviii. REINSPECTIONS NEEDED, 310 E PLYMOUTH, BONTRAGER
  - xix. HOUSES FINISHED AND FOR SALE, 409 QUEEN, MICHAEL FRENCH
  - xx. HOUSES TO STILL BE SET FOR BOW, 205 MIDDLEBURY, DAVIDHIZAR

- s. **Christopher Jones:** 405 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Neighbor Assistance Project (Mayor Leichthy)
  - i. March 23, 2024, 9 – noon: Clean-up Assistance
  - ii. Community Foundation: Acts of Service bringing a volunteer team of 8-10 people.
  - iii. CRC Bring Coffee and Water for Volunteers?
- t. **Downtown Neighborhood Safety** (Mayor Leichthy)
  - i. Goshen PD and downtown Bar Owners
  - ii. Relationship Building: Mutual understanding and respect
  - iii. Planning for summer outdoor events



**9. Event Reports and Feedback**

- a. International Women’s Day Luncheon
  - i. What went well
  - ii. What didn’t go well
  - iii. What could be done better

**10. Action Items**

- a. CRC Essay evaluation
- b. Follow up from Inquiries at February CRC meeting – Response from Mayor Leichthy

**11. SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE IMPORTANT CRC EVENTS**

- a. Ribbon Cutting: Monday, March 25, 2025, Goshen Parks Maintenance Facility
- b. Goshen Founders' Day and State of the City Address, March 28
- c. June First Fridays: Wheels and Deals / Mayor's Bike Parade: Friday, June 7, 2024
- d. Staff, Board, and Commission Appreciation Picnic: Friday, July 12, 2024
- e. SMRNA Float Fest: August 10, 2024 (Tent.)
- f. HSNA Block Party: August 17, 2024 (Tent.)
- g. SMRNA Ice Cream Social: August 24, 2024 (Tent.)
- h. EGNA Picnic: September 7, 2024 (Tent.)
- i. Historic Racemere Neighborhood Assoc. Picnic: September 8, 2024 (Tent.)
- j. Parkside Annual Picnic: September 21, 2024 (Tent.)
- k. Indigenous People's Day: Monday, October 14, 2024
- l. HSNA Holiday Wander: December 21, 2024 (Tent.)
- m. EGNA and Parkside Luminaries: December 24, 2024