

**Community Relations Commission
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6 – 7 p.m.

Location Goshen City Hall Conference Room - 202 South 5th Street



Minutes

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 Leichy, Mayor

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

- a. **Present:** Cathie Cripe, E-man Monge, Sharon Beechy, Kyle Richardson, Ana Zamora, Sara Lozano, Amanda Guzman, Hannah Scott-Carter, Gina Leichy
- b. **Absent:** Lori Copsey, Casey Kasper-Welles, Megan Peel

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 Leichy)

Mayor Leichy swore in Cathie Cripe for her new term.

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 19th at 6 p.m., Abshire Cabin
- d. Historic Racemere Peninsula - Active
- e. Historic Southside - Active, April 11th at 5 p.m.
- f. Parkside - Active
- g. Shanklin Millrace - Active
- h. Terrace Park - Active , April 8th at 7 p.m., Mt. Joy Conservative Mennonite
- i. West Goshen - Active , March 25th 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~~

Ana is working on a door-knocking project to revive the E Lincoln Crossroads neighborhood association. She met with LaCasa's Daniella Panetta to work on a plan.

Discussion of potential CRC member involvement in neighborhood meetings. Sharon volunteered to attend the March East Goshen Meeting. Members asked about the possibility of nametags if attending meetings.

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/>

A walking tour of the northside was discussed. Potentially utilize a CRC meeting as the time for a tour.

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. 9th Street – Neighbor Assistance Project (Mayor Leichty)
 - i. March 23, 2024, 9 – noon: Clean-up Assistance
 - ii. Community Foundation: Acts of Service bringing a volunteer team of 8-10 people.
 - iii. Gina asked if a CRC member was available to drop off some coffee and water for the volunteers. Cathie volunteered.



- t. **Downtown Neighborhood Safety** (Mayor Leichty)
 - 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
 - 1. Cathie and Sharon loved the speakers
 - ii. What didn’t go well
 - 1. Ana felt like there was too much to carry (plate, dessert plate, etc.)
 - iii. What could be done better
 - 1. E-man suggested highlighting the Pechu Kecha presentation model at the event more

10. Action Items

- a. CRC Essay evaluation

Discussion on essay scores.

Kyle makes a motion to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the 9-12 essay submissions. The CRC will invite 1st place to read his essay on Founder's Day.

Discussion on making a more age-appropriate prompt for middle schoolers in the future.

Spanish Essay for Hispanic Heritage month?

- b. Follow up from Inquiries at February CRC meeting – Response from Mayor Leichty

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

Sharon moves to adjourn. Kyle seconds.