

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:00 P.M., Goshen City Hall, 202 South 5th Street

CRC members Present: Ed Ahlersmeyer, Sreekala Rajagopalan, Nathan Mateer Rempel, Rocio Diaz, Judy Snider, Evan Miller, David Araujo

CRC members Absent: John Ferguson, Angie Troyer

CRC consultant: Darin Short

Guests: Mayor Jeremy Stutzman, Richard Wineland, Lizzy Diaz, Geoff Lesar-Press

1. Nathan Called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

All in attendance introduced themselves. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Nathan gave his reflection for the month discussing an editorial and its context of identity politics.

The February reflection is assigned to Darin.

2. Minutes for December 13, 2016 were reviewed and approved. (Ed, Judy, Passed) CRC members

3. 2017 officers Installation: Nathan reviewed the officers nominated, and the commission voted to confirm. (Ed, David, Passed)

4. Treasurer's report: Judy distributed the treasurer's report and noted \$1,050 was missing and needs to be identified. Mayor reported the treasurer's office is still accounting for encumbrances and should have an answer by February CRC Meeting. Contractual services line is for the Consultant. No other expenditures were noted.

5. Reports and statistics: Darin updated the guests and new members on the email and phone hot line concept. No new calls or emails to the CRC for the month of December. He continued discussion on the Call from November and the concern w/ individual being asked for an ID when paying property taxes and the Elkhart County Building. David has also made attempts to get an update from the individual and has not made contact. Darin commented that in general the CRC would provide mediation to process the complaint for individuals and the CRC doesn't have the legal capacity at this point. The Complaint log was distributed and discussed as an annual review of complaints from 2016. Darin also noted that the city's website traffic for the CRC had increased and is an indicated of increased interest in the CRC. Rocio expressed concern about the CRC being proactive in advocating for the community's awareness of the CRC. Rocio said the radio stations she works with could be utilized for CRC topics, awareness. The Mayor reminded the City will publish meeting times and events on the website, and Geoff mentioned the Goshen News also has a community calendar the CRC could utilize.

6. Carrying the Vision forward-subcommittee report: Darin indicated March 23rd, 5-7pm will be the kickoff date for the CRC Vision at Shanklin Park Pavilion. The event should be an informal and celebratory. Darin contacted Angie via phone and introduced the new CRC logo identity plan. Cookie Chats are proposed as a way to begin local discussions on-line and topics can be driven by the CRC. The Campaign: CRC What We Mean was proposed by a marketing report submitted by Rafael, R3 Design, and the CRC sub-committee. Darin indicated the most cost effective opportunity would be to bolster the CRC's online presence through the City and Facebook. Darin requested email comments from the commission after review of the marketing proposal.

- 7. Report on Community Meeting of 01-05-2017:** Nathan introduced the discussion and asked for any attendees to comment. Sreekala mentioned attendees were expressing concern of now knowing if their plans for education would be affected, if the individuals would then be detained, and they are not sure what to say to authorities when approached. Sreekala also mentioned the meeting was a benefit for the Latino community and could include outreach to all minority immigrants. Nate asked how the CRC would support the community group when the subject matter may be difficult for a governing commission. Evan mentioned he would support the Elkhart County HOPE Network, and support the CRC, and questioned if there is a conflict of interest in his support. Darin mentioned that acting as a private citizen, CRC members could communicate the services offered by the CRC. Rocio would like the CRC to act only as a resource for the HOPE Network.

- 8. Taste of Goshen prelims:** Nathan mentioned the last 4 years the CRC has had a "Taste of Goshen" campaign with Downtown Goshen and First Fridays in May. Confusion led to DGI assuming that the CRC was not going to participate in the May 1st Friday. May with a couple booths available or complete availability in August. Ed mentioned he would start an email w/ Jacob Biller and CRC members in regards to the Flash Dance concept film originally scheduled for May 1st Friday. August will most likely be the best time for the CRC Taste of Goshen event. Sreekala commented that the CRC would need to coordinate with DGI for the film.

- 9. For the good of the CRC** Ed submitted a proposal the state of Indiana will consider this February for discussion and consideration of the CRC to support. Ed also submitted a proposal in support of the "Baby" as discussed by Rob Roeder. The CRC would invite Mr. Roeder to discuss his proposal during the February meeting.

- 10. Announcements by CRC members:** Rocio mentioned MLK Breakfast is next Monday at Goshen College. Rocio also mentioned she will be moving to Michigan and would have to resign sometime

- 11. Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 15th. Motion to adjourn: (ed, Evan, Passed)

Recorder: Ed Ahlersmeyer