

**Commission on Community Relations and Development
January 16, 2024
6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chair Terri Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Invocation

Member Chretien Dumond.

III. New Council Liaison Welcome & Roll Call (Members Present)

Terri Bradley	Marcus Lewis
Chretien Dumond	Denise Severino-Todd
David Elliott	Amber Tyler
Washea Lancaster	

*New Council Liaison Jamie Taylor

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Amber Tyler moved to adopt. Member David Elliott seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (November 14, 2023 & December 12, 2023)

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Member David Elliott moved to adopt. Member Marcus Lewis seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were adopted.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

A. MLK Subcommittee Report:

- Table for February.
- Members were thanked for their job well done.

B. Violent Crimes:

- Tasks from the Mayor to make note of for further discussion:
 - Reach out to Council who have started Neighborhood Watches.
 - Bringing Community Policing back.
 - Roundtable.

C. Emergency Shelter Working Group Update:

- Chair Terri Bradley gathered data: need warming shelters, looked at other programs, Pallet Home Program, visited Greensboro (homes in baseball field), goal-council agenda, need to find emergency shelters (churches).
- Meeting scheduled with the County.
- Send letters to businesses requesting support/assistance.
- Seek to move “Tent City” residents to Oxford House.
- Ask David Simmons about properties.
- DSS assistance with homeless children, employment assistance, and hotel stay for one week, if approved.

D. Strategies for Public Events 2024 (continued discussion):

- Logo decision pushed to February Meeting.
- List of items needed in Event box include a tablecloth/banner, pens/pencils, brochures, community resource list, possible QR code with link to resources, possible t-shirts made by Member Amber Tyler

E. Public Events to Host:

- February Crime Event at St. James, facilitated by Jamie Taylor, with assistance from Melissa Reese, Colleen, and Machelie.
- Homelessness Event in March.
- Fair Housing Event in April.
- Financial Literacy Event in May.
- 2024 Guest Speakers confirmed and available.
- No suggestions for an Event Calendar.

F. 2024 Commission Luncheon/Dinner:

- March 12th, 2024, at Los Fogones

G. Member Vacancies, Terms, Reappointments, & Applications Review.

H. Q&A/Open Topics:

- Review the by-laws (addressing no-shows).

VII. Reports

A. Chair: No report

B. Vice-Chair: Robert’s Rules of Order training, need to step down as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Member Marcus Lewis to appoint Member Amber Tyler to fill the role of Vice-Chair. Member David Elliott seconded. The majority were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Liaison: HOME-ARP Update – back to Council soon, will send out slides.

VIII. Civic Events/Information Items

- A. CCRD Members: Member Amber Tyler mentioned the Re-Entry Simulation. Member Chretien Dumond requested information items on violence, homelessness, and City finances. Chair Terri Bradley recommended reading over current by-laws. Member Marcus Lewis addressed what it means to serve as an advisory board.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Chretien Dumond offered the motion. Member Amber Tyler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

***Minutes taken and prepared by Liaison Felecia Williams.**