

Commission on Community Relations and Development
February 13, 2024
6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Terri Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Invocation

Member David Elliott

III. New Member Welcome & Roll Call (Members Present)

Carole Battle	Terri Bradley	David Elliott
Washea Lancaster	Marcus Lewis	Tavis Lofton
Phyllis Merritt-James	Denise Severino-Todd	Amber Tyler
Jeremy Whitley	*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 Phyllis Merritt-James seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Jan. 16, 2024)

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Member Phyllis Merritt-James moved to adopt. Member Amber Tyler seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were adopted.

VI. Action and Discussion Items (Violent Crime Community Discussion)

Key Points Highlighted:

1. Youth Crimes – Prevention should start early (middle school); Mentors are needed; Juvenile Justice connects to resources; Communities Supporting Schools programs (Restorative Justice formerly Teen Court – Success Coaches in schools – Arts Execute engages youth in the arts); HACG has youth and teen programs – GPD has Explorer program for youth; Men Who Care of Goldsboro mentors at North Drive Elementary and Dillard Middle School.
2. Root-Cause-Corrective-Action shared as tool to approach issues.
3. Mental Health – Trillium/Eastpointe continues to provide services to Wayne County.
4. Crime has a domino effect. All are affected.
5. HACG offers the Jobs Plus program to residents.
6. HACG recommended GPD move into vacant unit at Lincoln Homes
7. GPD discussed available documents that address crime: Trespass Agreement, Residential Keep Check. Discussed the need for community help via Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood

Crime Watch, Our Community Cares (former initiative). Discussed tsunami cameras in high crime areas.

8. Guns on the streets are mostly stolen from other communities and states.
9. Poverty is an underlying issue to crime.
10. Collaborations are needed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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