

**Commission on Community Relations and Development  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 21, 2023  
6:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Member Roderick White

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

Terri Bradley	Edna Battle
Washea Lancaster	Marcus Lewis
Chretien Dumond	Roderick White
David Elliott	Denise Todd
Amber Tyler	

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Member Edna Battle offered the motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Fair Housing Discussion

Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster presented Fair Housing Activity ideas and asked what the group wanted to do to observe Fair Housing. During discussion, the group settled on an Art Contest, Advertisement in City newsletter, and holding a Roundtable event.

The following partnerships/collaborations were discussed: Realtor, HACG, Mark Colebrook, WCPL, Legal Aid of NC, Yolanda Winstead, Arts Council.

\*Specifics discussed around each activity:

**Art Contest:** Should be opened to local elementary, middle, and high school students. A first, second, and third place winner will be declared from each school level. A partnership with the Arts Council would be good (Member Chretien Dumond will reach out). Gift cards for prizes will be good. Local businesses could be approached to provide the donations. Suggested businesses were Chic-Fil-A, Movie Theatre, and Skating Ring. Liaison Felecia Williams agreed to prepare a donation request letter.

**City Newsletter:** The Roundtable event could be advertised in the City's newsletter.

**Roundtable:** The last week of April was the agreed upon timeframe for a roundtable event. Possible locations discussed were Rebuilding Broken Places, Wayne County Public Library, and the Goldsboro Event Center. Liaison Felecia Williams agreed to reach out to the library. Roundtable panel guests were discussed as being a realtor, Anthony Goodson (CEO of HACG), Mark Colebrook, Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster, Councilmember Hiawatha Jones, Legal Aid of NC, and Yolanda Winstead. Member Edna Battle offered to reach out to Realtor Judith McMillian. The panel discussion should focus on 3-4 topics. There should be Fair Housing information available (brochures) and there should be time allowed for a Q&A session. The recommendation was made to ask Mrs. Donna Phillips (WCPL Director) or Melissa Harrell (Facilitator of Porch Talks) to serve as moderator. Winners of the art contest will be announced at the roundtable event and presented with their gift card prizes.

**Additional Discussion:**

- Member Denise Todd volunteered to make nametags so that all know who CCRD members are.
- The Fair Housing initiatives should continue beyond the month of April.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Amber Tyler offered the motion to adjourn, and Member Edna Battle seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

**\*Minutes taken and prepared by Liaison Felecia Williams, MS/QP**