

Community Relations & Development

Commission on Community Relations and Development
April 9, 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 Phyllis Merritt-James

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

Carole Battle	Terri Bradley	Chretien Dumond
David Elliott	Marcus Lewis	Tavis Lofton
Phyllis Merritt-James	Denise Todd	Amber Tyler
*Council Liaison Jamie Taylor		

IV. Adoption of Agenda

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 19, 2024)

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Member Phyllis Merritt-James moved to adopt with one correction made, adding her name to the roll call. Member Denis Todd seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were adopted.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

A. **Public Meeting Guidelines Review:** Provided by Chair Terri Bradley.

B. **FY24-25 Annual Action Plan Presentation & Public Meeting:** After review of proposed FY24-25 activities, the following public comments were given:

- Increasing Down Payment Assistance amount
- CHDO expectations-estimate construction of 2 homes instead of 3 considering increased construction costs.
- CDBG can be used for water/sewer lines.
- Affordable Housing definition discussion
- Wrap-around services for the homeless.
- Homelessness; Temporary Housing (Salvation Army); HOME-ARP funds
- Affordable Housing Plan needed.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair: **2024 Events**-RCCA Subcommittee discussed; Vice-Chair Amber Tyler would like to participate. Liaison shared that she will be reaching out to coordinate the scheduling of the first subcommittee meeting. **United Way Volunteer Recognition**-Chair would like CCRD members to be recognized for their volunteer work serving on the board. **MLK**-Member Carole Battle has agreed to chair the subcommittee again. **Homeless Simulation**-Something to consider.
- B. Vice Chair: No report
- C. Liaison: **Juneteenth 2024**-Planning committee would like for CCRD to serve as volunteers assisting vendors; **May Dinner**-Scheduled for May 21st at Los Fogones restaurant with no CCRD business discussed.

VIII. Civic Events/Information Items

- 1. Vice-Chair Amber Tyler shared upcoming WCC events.
- 2. Member Chretien Dumond shared Pig in the Park is upcoming.
- 3. Member Denise Todd discussed Tent City.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Phyllis Merritt-James motioned to adjourn. Member David Elliott seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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