

Commission on Community Relations and Development
May 9, 2023
6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Washea Lancaster called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Invocation

Member Marcus Lewis

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

Terri Bradley	Washea Lancaster	Marcus Lewis
Chretien Dumond	Roderick White	David Elliott
Denise Todd	Amber Tyler	Edna Battle
Hiawatha Jones (Ex Officio)		

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Member Amber Tyler offered the motion to adopt the agenda. Member Marcus Lewis seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Approval of meeting minutes (April 11, 2023)

Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster offered the motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Member Amber Tyler seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

- A. Holiday Event Calendar – Chair recommended Member Denise Todd to oversee the event calendar. Member David Elliott moved to approve. Member Edna Battle seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- B. Working Groups – Chair discussed rules for the working groups and shared that the groups will include no more than 5 CCRD members and subject matter experts. The goal of the working groups is the comprehensive plan.
- C. Comprehensive Plan Framework: CDBG focused - Chair will send details to the identified members of the working group.
- D. MLK Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Edna Battle reported on recent meetings, sharing details of the location, date, decorations, color scheme, ticket price, caterers, budget, timeline, speaker, and souvenir booklet for the event. She shared that more details will be provided at the June CCRD meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the

recommended items. Member Chretien Dumond moved to approve, and Member David Elliott seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- E. Q&A Open Topics – The following topics were discussed: Funding process and involving the CCRD more and concerns with youth in the city. Members David Elliott, Marcus Lewis, and Roderick White shared efforts that they (and their respective organizations) are doing for youth engagement.
- F. Next Public Event – The following events were discussed: Youth Roundtable, National Nonprofit Day, City Listening Tour (inviting others to join in), Back to School Supply Drive, and Financial Literacy event.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair – No report
- B. Vice-Chair – Discussed the Fair Housing Event and thanked everyone for their participation and support.
- C. Liaison: Shared Department Report for March

VIII. Information Items

- A. CCRD Members

Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster shared that she enjoys serving on the Commission and is excited about the future.

Member Marcus Lewis echoed the same sentiments.

Chair Terri Bradley encouraged everyone to see each other as one unit, not be divided, figure out how to have uncomfortable conversations and come up with solutions.

Member Amber Tyler shared that the recent Re-Entry event was a success. She also shared that she recently visited Tent City and encouraged members to do so if they haven't. She discussed voting and asked how the CCRD could possibly help increase voter turnout.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Edna Battle offered the motion to adjourn. Member Amber Tyler seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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