

**Commission on Community Relations and Development
July 11, 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 Chretien Dumond

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

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

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Member Marcus Lewis motioned to amend the agenda to move Elections up on the agenda. The motion was not seconded.

Chair Terri Bradley offered to remove Item C: Community Grants from the agenda. Member Amber Tyler motioned to remove Item C. Member Denise Todd seconded. All were in favor and the item was removed from the agenda.

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to the adopt the agenda. Member Carole Battle moved to adopt. Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Approval of meeting minutes (June 13, 2023)

Member Amber Tyler offered the motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Member David Elliott seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

- A. MLK Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Carole Battle reported that there are no new updates as the subcommittee did not meet in June. She shared that the group is ahead with planning and will resume meeting this month. She will provide an update to the CCRD at the next meeting. Chair Terri Bradley added that United Way would like to assist with the MLK event.
- B. CCRD By-Laws: Chair Terri Bradley inquired if there were any questions regarding the by-laws. There were none.
- C. Thomas Rice – Homelessness & Veterans: Mr. Rice provided information on the Hope Restoration Village and shared some funding opportunities. He also shared that he will be hosting an event next month.
- D. Elections: Liaison shared that there were two nominees who had accepted the nomination for the position of Chair (Terri Bradley & Carole Battle) and one for Vice-Chair (David Elliott). Liaison shared how the voting process would go and called each member by name to cast their vote on a written ballot. After a tied ballot vote (that excluded Member Chretien Dumond), the majority voted in favor and Terri Bradley was declared Chair.

With one nominee on the ballot for Vice-Chair, Member Carole Battle motioned to accept David Elliott for the position. Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster seconded, and all were in favor declaring David Elliott as Vice-Chair.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair: No report
- B. Vice-Chair: Vice Chair David Elliott inquired about presenting to City Council about the need for a feasibility study to address the need for a grocery store on the southside of town. Member Denise Todd shared that this may be a challenge considering the crime/safety issues in the area. The consensus was to move forward with the suggestion.
- C. Liaison: Liaison inquired if the CCRD would like to participate in this year's National Night Out. The consensus was to participate. Liaison agreed to complete the registration.

VIII. Information Items

- A. CCRD Members

Member Roderick White shared new voting rules and the dates for the City's primary and general elections. He also shared that former Science Teacher Ms. Cheryl Alston has a

garden behind Studio 117 and recently secured land and a grant to open a farm. He also shared that he is running for the District 6 City Council seat.

Member Chretien Dumond commended former Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster for her service to the CCRD and congratulated Chair Terri Bradley and new Vice-Chair David Elliott.

Member Amber Tyler shared that Goldsboro Police Department is hosting another re-entry event and provided the event flyer.

Additional Discussion included: Hosting a community affordable housing event in September with Ms. Yolanda Winstead from Raleigh and inviting Chief Michael West (GPD) to come speak at the August meeting about tent city issues and overall crime in the city.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Washea Lancaster offered the motion. Member Amber Tyler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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