

Commission on Community Relations and Development
August 8, 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 Marcus Lewis

*Chair Terri Bradley asked for a moment of silence for community member Thomas Rice.

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

Terri Bradley	Marcus Lewis
Roderick White	Oravan Sewthaisong
Denise Todd	Amber Tyler
Carole Battle	Councilmember Hiawatha Jones

IV. Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Member Amber Tyler offered the motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Member Roderick White seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

- A. Chief West (GPD) Presentation and Q&A: Chief Mike West of Goldsboro Police Department shared information on Homeless, Tent City, local agency support, the need for more resources, GPD staffing, and overall crime in the city. Chief West answered questions of members.
- B. MLK Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Carole Battle shared that all CCRD members are invited to attend subcommittee meetings and Chair Terri Bradley along with United Way staff attended the July 28th meeting. She asked that members suggest a speaker by August 31st. The subcommittee will discuss recommended speakers and bring a

recommendation back to the CCRD. She also shared that printed tickets would be available and can also be purchased online. She shared that it will be nice if CCRD members would commit to selling tickets.

- C. Current By-Laws: Chair Terri Bradley inquired if revisions are needed to the current by-laws and suggested considering adding a participation requirement to set an expectation for members. Members should engage in at least one event per year. Members agreed to revisit at next month's meeting.
- D. Strategies for public events: Councilmember Hiawatha Jones expressed disappointment with the CCRD's table at National Night Out. She recommended putting together an event box that would include event-ready items. Members discussed the following being in the event box: branded tablecloth, CCRD stand, notecards & pens, brochures, and giveaways. Liaison shared that other City departments have tents that could be borrowed if needed for events.

Liaison shared that the CCRD needs a logo. All discussed bringing draft logo ideas to the September meeting.

Liaison shared that the CR&D department has a community resource listing that is updated annually and would be good if the CCRD reviews it to share other known resources that could be added to the listing. The listing can be distributed at events.

- E. Q&A Open Topics: Members discussed City operations, Childcare needs, and Education needs.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair: No report shared.
- B. Vice-Chair: Absent
- C. Liaison: Provided a copy of the CR&D June monthly report.

VIII. Civic Events/Information Items

- A. CCRD Members: Member Carole Battle suggested holding a voter registration drive. Members agreed on the idea.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Carole Battle offered the motion. Member Amber Tyler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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