

Commission on Community Relations and Development
September 12, 2023
6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Terri Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. Invocation

Assistant City Manager Matthew Livingston

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

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

IV. Adoption of Agenda

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

V. Approval of meeting minutes (August 8, 2023)

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

VI. Action and Discussion Items

- A. MLK Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Carole Battle shared that on September 6, 2023, a meeting was held for speaker recommendations, in which the following were recommended: Ed Bell, Father Skip Walker, Retired Brigadier General, and Representative Dan Blue, whom is the previous Speaker of the House. Member Chretien Dumond offered the motion to accept Representative Dan Blue as the speaker. Vice Chair David Elliot seconded. All were in favor and the speaker was approved. The committee would like to use the Brigadier General on the program, and have an honorarium, both will be discussed at the next meeting.

- B. Homelessness: Member Denise Todd provided an update on the continued work in progress (WIP): met with Chief West and gathered information on public land and wants to invite homeless agencies to the October meeting.
- C. Strategies for public events: Members discussed Choice Neighborhood event to be held on October 25, 2023. The Assistant City Manager would like CCRD's help with the event.
- D. Annual Report Input: Annual Report to Council
- E. Q&A Open Topics: Members discussed William Street sign being gone due to construction, excitement for having 3 candidates from the CCRD, primary elections, and shared the Candidate's Forums dates and locations.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair: Working groups will resume soon.
- B. Vice-Chair: Will share on food desert at next meeting.
- C. Liaison: HOME-ARP update with Council and CAPER due.

VIII. Civic Events/Information Items

- A. CCRD Members: For the Downtown Christmas Parade, Member Denise Todd has already reached out to the Chamber of Commerce. Member Chretien Dumond discussed the Arts Council Grand Opening. Vice Chair David Elliott to provide information at both events.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Terri Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Carole Battle offered the motion. Member Washea Lancaster seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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