

Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:06 p.m., the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Commissioners Adam Lopez, Stallion, Paniagua, T. Lopez, Durias and Gonzalez were present. Chair Adam Lopez presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 3 speakers that just wanted to listen.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC approve the regular minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting.

D. COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Julia Allen-Dixon and Angela Mitchell-Landers will provide an update on the upcoming 31st Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file.

DISCUSSION: Julia Allen-Dixon and Angela Mitchell-Landers provided a brief history and update about Juneteenth. Details about the upcoming 31st Annual Juneteenth Celebration was provided as well as an invitation to the Commissioners.

2. SUBJECT: Bishop Lamont L. Chiles-Hayes (New Progressive Baptist Church) will provide and update on the efforts made about bullying and hate crimes in our community.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC commissioners receive and file.

DISCUSSION: Bishop Lamont L. Chiles-Hayes provided the CRC Commissioners with an update of the outcome from the community workshop that was held on Friday, April 8, 2022, at the New Progressive Christian Baptist Church. Several dignitaries, school board members and City members were present. The focus was the hate crimes against African American youth in our local school system. Bishop Lamont L. Chiles-Hayes shared about some incidents concerning some local school students threatening to jump young African American boys. Mrs. Taylor shared her story about her son being bullied. Another follow up meeting will be taking place on June 10, 2022.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Consideration of Guest Speakers for the CRC 2022 Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Community Relations Commissioners requested staff to extend a follow up invitation to the following: Karl Lawson and Bishop Chiles-Hayes.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

DISCUSSION: The Acting Secretary shared with the Commission information about the upcoming community events.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Youth Subcommittee: Commissioner Paniagua provided details about a youth fishing program.

Fair Housing Subcommittee: Vice Chair Stallion & Commissioner Gonzalez requested to invite Karl Lawson to the next upcoming meeting.

Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioner Durias attended the sheriff's forum for the upcoming June election.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: Chair A. Lopez shared that a upcoming meeting would be scheduled and Vice Chair Stallion & Commissioner T. Lopez asked the CRC Commissioners in helping to recruit a sponsor.

H. COMMISSIONERS NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Gonzalez shared information about Parents of Murder Children and how they are raising money to help pay for families to be represented at the upcoming Missouri event.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Commissioner Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m., and second by Vice Chair Stallion.

Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary

Adam Lopez, Chair