

HRC meeting June 15, 2020

Present: Sara Dastagir, Brenna Reynolds, Lauraine Carpenter, Malaika Bell, Erin Baker, Gretchen DeBacker, Christina Rodriguez, Dr. Adams, Michael Alexander, David Ross, Jose Rosales (absent), Aisha Sleiman,(absent) Tom Douglas(absent)

Called to order at 6:05

Officially a quorum. Motion to approve Christina made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael seconded and the motion carried. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Tom Douglas entered the meeting at 6:08

Sara city updates: meals for kids CN and YE interested in volunteering. Michael volunteered but more are needed; co chairs please let Sara know if anyone on their Committee is interested. Per Sara the mayor's office is looking for new commission members. Let Sara know of anyone who is interested and share the Facebook post.

YE will have a town hall similar to SJ recent town hall. Sara will send posters and post info on Facebook.

Erin asked about the Rapid response meeting that was to be held this week and there were no updates. Erin said a meeting is coming and HRC should be represented. Sara will send information to the group.

Lauraine gave an update on the Civilian Review Board, Defund12.org, and two high school programs that combat violence. The Symphony is collaborating with the Frederick Douglas center for a Juneteenth celebration. Food will be donated from 9:00-12:00 and there will be a March at 2:00 from Swayne Field to the Doug.

SJ update regarding the town hall meeting which had approximately ninety attendees. No feedback has been heard since the town hall. Malaika said we are in communication with the women of Toledo and other women organizations to see what next steps are.

Gretchen praised SJ town hall for its panelists, questions, and technical aspects and said she is looking forward to the YE event this Friday.

Dr. Adams said she was very impressed with SJ town hall and it was well done technically, great panelists, loaded with information and done in a rapid fire way that was very intriguing. She gave a shout out for HRC at the last council meeting and will shout out again tomorrow.

Brenna discussed the YE Youth town hall. The committee recently met with recently Tim Pettaway. The town hall will be similar to the SJ town hall as questions will be submitted via email and on Facebook. High school students will be panelists and they are Latoria Bahes-Coleman, Cassidy McCellan, Phillip Hackett, and Akeem Lamont McNeil.

The town hall is titled a "misconception of being black" and deals with racism and current events specifically in this community. Students will discuss how race shapes them and their views. The town hall will be 11:30 on Friday, June 19th.

Sara will post on FB and will encourage everyone to share on the media.

David gave updates for STV. They too will have a mini Town Hall and each committee member will ask one question each. This will allow each panelist to fully present their views. The date will be June 25 and this is considered a promo for a larger town hall to be held in the future. At this point no date has been set.

Michael presented for CN and said Aisha is leaving and their group needs new members. CN currently has six solid members and he is unsure if the others will stay. Michael will meet with Monica to identify neighborhood groups. The committee will take a break in July and reconvene in August and hopefully can meet in a park and allow social distancing. Volunteers are still needed for children's alliance food handout. Contact Sara if you can volunteer. Michael would like more information on the Mayors Random acts of kindness. Michael will send a list of events, movies, and other summer activities to HRC and hopes that if needed, volunteers will help out. Channel 11 interviewed Michael regarding the colors of change and current events. The segment will air this Thursday at 5:30. Michael will send a link to the mayor's office for social media.

Erin said that Ramona is at the end of her term and Lauraine will take over as liaison for the June CN meeting. HRC typically takes a break in July, so we will not have a July commission meeting. Each committee can decide if they want to meet and the executive committee will continue to meet.

Tom gave a mediation update regarding three separate shared driveway concerns from last week. Often the cases are slowed down as people don't know the name or street number of their neighbor. Tom said a few mediation cases had been wrapped up. Michael asked about code enforcement on shared driveways. Tom said when the driveway goes into effect there are old agreements that have been recorded. The difficulty is that the occupants often are renters and Tom has to find the owner. An example is that there is no parking on Cherry street and residents have to use the side streets to park. Sometimes they need to back up on the neighbor's driveway and then that neighbor puts obstacles there to create discord.

Erin asked about National Night Out. Sara said we need to touch base and have a zoom meeting soon. October 6 was the date the national organization had decided. Erin would like to bring police, fire, and community together and would like the event to occur. Tom suggested having only one location and said we need to see how things are going in the fall and we will try to put something together. Michael asked if the police participation will cause disruption? Tom said that is one thing we have to consider. Sara said NNO was specifically created with the purpose of police presence to break barriers and create stronger community relationships. We could break away from NNO but their purpose is to bring people together. Erin said we should be able to create a positive event.

Michael asked if HRC can glean possible HRC members from civilian review board applicants. Gretchen said there's a lot of conversation about that as one hundred applications have been received for a thirteen member panel. Ordinances may change as well as role and responsibilities. Other organizations such as Rapid Response Team and HRC have similar goals and a larger conversation needs to take place so actions are not duplicated. Emails will be collected and if people are not picked for the CRB they will be asked to apply for HRC. David asked if there's interest from an HRC member do they still need to apply to CRB? Gretchen said yes and Sara will send the interested HRC member an application to apply. We are also seeking three new commission members.

Tom asked about the makeup of the review board and the conflicting clauses regarding residents. Gretchen said they're old and subject to change.

Six members represent council districts, one Hispanic, one lawyer, one NAACP, three law enforcement (but not active) and one or two members have some overlap. City council is reviewing makeup and may create other categories.

Tom asked again about the residents' clauses. Michael said could be of any district like a wild card.

Erin asked if there was anything else for the good of the order.

Sara sent HRC members a poster for YE town hall and created a FB post.

A motion was made by Micheal to adjourn, seconded by Christina and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47.

Submitted by Lauraine