

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

JUNE 5, 2023

Executive Conference Room

City Hall

Members Present: Cheri Floyd, Dale Leedy, Deb Dumont, Hema Deegala, Ron Price, Audra Winters, Joseph Martinez

Members Absent: Brandon John

Staff Present: Julie Baird - Deputy City Manager, Shana Reeves - Assistant City Manager and Joanna Oliver-Secretary

Guests Present: Margaret Clair - SJC, Debra Mayeux-Tri-City, Chief Hebbe-FPD

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cheri Floyd called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.; with a quorum of members present, the following procedures were duly had and taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Audra Winters made motion to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes. Dale Leedy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION

Dale Leedy made a motion to change the meeting date from the 1st Monday of every month to the 1st Thursday of every month starting in July. Joseph Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. It was suggested to have the City Clerk give a brief refresher course on the Open Meetings Act.

BROADENING HORIZONS – Margaret Clair

Margaret Clair from San Juan College gave a presentation regarding the Broadening Horizons program. It is a lecture series with expert speakers and open discussions in varying formats. Looking to educate the Community on the Civility First program with a panel of Community members. Marketing would be through radio and newspaper articles as well as social media. The Commission will discuss this partnership at the July meeting and get back with her.

STAFF UPDATES -

Shana Reeves gave an update on the following:

- Civility First Farmington - The Mayor's table has already been scheduled out through August. Do we want to continue with the Mayor table, discussing three traits every quarter, or do something different? She suggest that each Commissioner select 1 or 2 traits and give thought on a business within the community that portrays that trait and have a representation come talk to the Commission. This can morph into some type of recognition program. The Commissioner divided the traits as Citizenship – Joseph; Compassionate – Cheri; Consideration – Audra; Courtesy – Hema; Inclusiveness – Deb; Kindness – Dale; Respect – Deb; Responsibility – Brandon; Sincerity – Ron; and Tolerance – Dale.
- National Night Out – She spoke with Lt. Gibbons and he will work with Cheri Floyd at the upcoming planning meeting. Deb Dumont will also plan to attend this meeting.
- Area CRC Update – Joanna stated that she could not find any other Commissions like ours within the Four Corners Area except for Durango. Contacted the City Clerk in Durango but received no response. It looks like, according to the website, that it is not active at this time.

- Outdated Marketing/Giveaway Materials – The decision was made to donate our outdated marketing materials to the Sycamore Community Center as they cater to school groups. Commissioners are going to bring their ideas for new marketing materials to the July meeting. There was a short discussion in regards to events happening that the CRC could participate in. Staff will work with the Marketing to promote and include CRC in COF marketing materials where appropriate.

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPT – Chief Steven Hebbe

Chief Hebbe addressed the Commission in regards to re-engaging with the CRC for future forums. He reviewed the previous forums they put on regarding immigration and mental health for the new commissioners. His suggested having another forum on mental health, maybe on the LGBTQ community, Native American community, etc. He spoke in regards to the various topics like the legalization of marijuana and how it effects employment, the PD effort in handling inebriates. It was discussed to meet and plan the next forum in September/October and hold the forum in January/February.

COMMISSION BUSINESS –

- Superintendent Forum Letter – Received response to the letter sent to the Schools in regards to collaborating with them. Nathan, Executive Director of Support Services appreciated the outreach and will meet with two of the Commissioners for ideas.
- Strategic Focus Sheet/Work Projects – Deb Dumont reviewed the updated sheets with the Commissioners. Staff will maintain sheets and updates moving forward.
- Annual Report – Deb Dumont is still working on the Annual Report and will get back to us.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR –

Julie Baird stated that the City is hosting a very small, targeted meeting for the neighborhood, where the active shooting occurred, this Friday at the Presbyterian Church from 3 pm to 5 pm. She invited the Commissioners, that are able, to attend. She also stated that the Barbara Morgan compliant would be put on the July agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Cheri Floyd

Cheri Floyd, Chairperson

Joanna Oliver

Joanna Oliver, Secretary