



RACE RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES: August 5th, 2021 6:00 pm

City Hall – City Council Auditorium 212 SW 9th Street

I. Call meeting to order

Action: Roll Call at 6:02pm

Members Present: Stephanie Jenkins, Jacobi Crowley, Benny Llanos, Alexandria Kaldin, Kimberly Jones, Joe Williams, Christopher Foster, George Keck, Wyonna Alberty, John Dunaway

Council Present: Onreka Johnson

Guests: Dr. Regina DeLoach, Eugene DeLoach, John Ratliff, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Adia Terry, Rondell Terry and Palmer Moore

II. Verify posting of meeting

Action: Verify posting of meeting and set next meeting date

Meeting posting verified by: John Dunaway, Chairperson

III. Establish quorum

Action: Establish quorum or discuss non-action items and adjourn meeting

Established quorum with ten members present

IV. Welcome/Introductions

Action: Introductions if new members/guests present or continue to the next agenda item

V. Approve previous minutes

Action: Motion to approve minutes from July 8th, 2021 meeting

Motion moved by Crowley and seconded by Llanos to approve previous minutes.

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

VI. Discuss community fair time, date and location

Action: Discuss or motion to approve date, time and location of community fair

Discussion: Per Councilman Hampton, RRC approved to have a table at the International Fair. Subcommittees need to email Keck any questions they want on the questionnaire to be presented to the public at the fair. Keck will work with Crowley and the city to formulate a questionnaire. The International Fair is September 24th-26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

VII. Presentation from City Attorney John Ratcliff

Discussion: Ratliff asked the committee to look into neighboring city hate crime laws and determine if Lawton wants to adopt a hate crime law.



VIII. Subcommittee changes

Action: Motion to approve Kalldin to move to Building Racial Equity subcommittee

Motion moved by Keck and seconded by Williams to approve move. NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Subcommittee reports submitted

Action: Subcommittee Chairs will present the topics, ideas and decisions they discussed during their subcommittee's meetings.

Discussion: Diversity Engagement presented a slideshow and would like to create 3D models of two All Black Towns, use the math department to find the current equivalent of earnings from Black Wall Street in 1920 and create a video documentary of All Black Towns. Building Racial Equality spoke about creating an HR hiring manual to focus on biases, weekly email for city employees to send facts about race/ethnicity and look into Lawton laws for any that need to be rewritten or removed.

X. Subcommittee non-voting members

Action: Motion to approve non-voting members

No Action

XI. Input and questions

No Action

XII. Announcements

Dr. DeLoach spoke about equity training at Central MS. Councilwoman Johnson spoke about backpack giveaways on Saturday the 7th at Elmer Park. Dunaway spoke about a possible meeting for voting for Mayor and Ward 2 ballot on August 27th.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting end at 7:51pm

XIV. Next Meeting: September 2nd, 2021