



RACE RELATIONS COMMISSION

Minutes

January 5, 2023, 6:00 pm

City Hall—First Floor Banquet/Conference Room 212 SW 9th Street

I. Call meeting to order

Action: Roll Call at 6:07

Members Present: Wyonna Alberty, Bishop John Dunaway, Larry Faaita, Mary Fountain, Kim Jones, Benny Llanos, Dr. Joe Williams.

Excused Members: Dr. DeLoach, Madeline Liverman

Council Present: Onreka Johnson, Allen Hampton

II. Verify posting of meeting

Action: Verify posting of meeting and review next meeting date.

III. Establish quorum

Action: We started out without enough for a Quorum but members came and we had a quorum.

Guests: Mayor Stan Booker, Aquarian Yarbrough, Christal Thompkins, Matina Davis, Taron Epps, John Ratliff

V. Remarks/Announcements from Council Members or Mayor

Mayor Stan Booker - Appreciated everyone for their service to the committee.

Onreka Johnson – Thank you for your service in working together for the good of the city.

Allen Hampton – Thank you for your service.

VI. Approve previous minutes

Motion to approve minutes from November 3, 2022 and December 1, 2022.

November Minutes were approved with Ms. Alberty motioning to approve them and Dr. Williams 2nd. Minutes were approved by the quorum.

December Minutes were approved with Dr. Williams motioning to approve them and Benny Llanos 2nd. Minutes were approved by the quorum.

VII. Educational Initiative on Open Meetings Act

City Attorney John Ratliff – Talked about the Open Meeting Act. Get as many citizens to come to the meetings. We need to provide 24 hour notice, publish the agenda. Need to post 48 hours if we are having a special meeting. We can post the agenda electronically. If we don't have a quorum we can adjourn until we have a quorum or wait till the next meeting. Make sure that the minutes are recorded.

VIII. Reports

Subcommittee reports submitted

Diversity Engagement – Kim Johnson gave a report on Black History month, and we will be featuring Henry Flipper with a banner that will be displaced over the city of Lawton. Kim also stated that we can get more banners from Inter Tribal. We can sponsor a banner for each

month by getting with Intertribal. POC is Kim Johnson. Cultural Cuisine is still in the works, but we are looking at a time line for April, Place to be decided at a later date.

Community Outreach – Our committee met with the Chamber of Commerce on Dec 13 at 9 to discuss Suzette Chang coming to Lawton. We have another meeting on Jan 24 @10 to discuss more information. Our goal is to meet with the Chamber Members at their March Luncheon to present our program to them.

Community Empowerment – nothing

Building Racial Equality – nothing

IX. Unfinished Business

Action: None.

X. New Business

Consider approving a Community Conversations event. We are tabling the Community Conversations event currently. Mary Fountain made a motion to table the event at this time. Wyonna Alberty 2nd the motion. The quorum passed the motion.

Consider actions for expiring term limits members, vacancies, and non-attendance. Onreka Johnson, Allen Hampton will be checking to see what the expiring terms on the present members are and will get back with us next month.

Consider items for the Mayor/City Council Annual Report. If you have any information that we need for the Annual Report, please give that information to Bishop Dunaway at the February meeting.

XI. Input and questions

Aquarian Yarbrough asked if our committee was helping the District Attorney/Local Pd in the Quahey Sanders matter. This committee has no input.

Aquarian Yarbrough asked how to get citizens to join the committee as voting members. Onreka Johnson and Allen Hampton tried to explain to them the process. Bishop Dunaway was to meet with Aquarian Yarbrough after the meeting at a designated place to be determined by the two of them.

XII. Announcements

Taron Epps asked the members to go the Chamber Events Calendar and the add our events.

XIII. Next Meeting

February 2, 2023

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Wyonna Alberty made a motion and Larry Faaita 2nd. Motion passed.