



SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Town of Spring Lake, Town Hall

300 Ruth Street, Spring Lake, NC 28390

Present: Chair Sheila Cuffee, Linda Amos, Melba Conley, Vicki Teachey-Dukes, Gregory Foxx, Ngozi Kamalu, Ingrid Marthy (via telephone), Robert McRae, Antoinette Morris, Donna Pelham (via telephone), Georgeanna Pinckney, Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano, SGM Jeffrey Wire

Guests: Mayor Larry Dobbins, Debra Clyde, Spring Lake President Chamber of Commerce, Daniel Gerald, Town Manager, and two youth visitors.

Absent: Kevin Brooks, Jesse Dalewalker, Wesley Fountain, Dr. Mark Kendrick, LTC Julia Kobiska, Millette Harris

Staff Present: Dr. Anthony Wade, Yamile Nazar, Stephen Thrasher, Willetta Ragin, Victoria Taylor

Chair Cuffee called meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Followed by a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wire.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner McRae, seconded by Commissioner Pinckney. Approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve minutes as amended, with corrections to remove the dash from Commissioner Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano's name and change Commissioner Pinckney's name under Special Project Dogwood Festival to Commissioner Conley, from the April 12, 2018, Commission meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Foxx, seconded by Commissioner Amos. Approved by unanimous vote.

Public Forum: Chair Cuffee welcomed Mayor Dobbins to make remarks. Mayor Dobbins gave greetings and open invitation to return. Chair Cuffee gave thanks for the support. Reorganization of Debra Clyde, President Spring Lake of Chamber of Commerce, observed the meeting along with two youth visitors. Daniel Gerald, Town Manager gave greetings.

Committee Reports:

ARA Committee: No meeting last month. Will have report next meeting. No vote conducted.

MLK Committee: Commissioner Amos announced that there are two events; May 15, 2018 Board of Education at 6:30 PM to present awards and May 24, 2018 Cumberland Command Foundation at 4 PM, Cape Fear Botanical Garden, 536

Eastern Blvd. Chair Cuffee asked to have the endowment and scholarships numbers made available for June meeting. No vote conducted.

Special Projects Committee: Commissioner Conley thanked everyone for helping with the Dogwood Festival.

- a. FTCC Food Pantry Collection, May 14-28, 2018. One church that is collecting food in support of FTCC's Food Pantry; Covenant Love, Pastor Josiah Carle. No vote conducted.

By-Laws Committee: No report.

Strategic Planning Committee: No report.

Hate Crimes Committee: Commissioner Kamalu announced the event May 15, 2018 at the Cumberland County Library downtown at 6 PM. Lecia Brooks, Outreach Director with the Southern Policy Law Center will conduct the presentation. The coalition is made up of partnerships with other organizations that will be in attendance: Quaker House, Public Library, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Cumberland County Association of Educators and the NAACP. No vote conducted.

Nominating Committee: Need nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Chair Cuffee would like nominations no later than August. Commissioner Zarah Coll has resigned due to moving. Commissioner Ingrid Marty also stepping down from position related to move. This is Commissioner Amos' last meeting. This is her second 2nd year term. Email Antoinette Morris with nominations. No nominations from the floor. No vote conducted.

Chair's Report: See attachment.

Director's Report: See attachment. Dr. Wade recognized and thanked Debra Clyde for the opportunity to speak with the members of the Chamber of Commerce in Spring Lake.

Old Business: No old business reported.

New Business: No new business reported.

Announcements:

- a. Chair Cuffee announced Mayor Colvin and Commissioner Evens are having a public hearing for the replacement of District 2 Councilman, May 15, 2018 at Southern Baptist Church, 6 PM.
- b. Commissioner McRae announced Department of Labor, Employment and Defense Program assisting college students with disabilities. This national program allows college students with targeted disabilities to come into the federal workforce for summer employment. Salaries paid for by the Department of Labor. Commissioner McRae will send out email with more information.

Next commission meeting will be held on June 14, 2018 at the ODT Training Room, Festival Park Plaza at 5:30 PM.

Chair Cuffee called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Marthy and seconded by Commissioner McRae. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Approved May 20, 2018
(Date)

Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano
Maybelyn Rodriguez Laureano, Secretary