

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers Street

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present: Chairman, Eric Olson; Vice-Chairman, Franco Webb; Secretary, Semone Pemberton; Commissioner Samar Abdelfatah; Commissioner Milette Harris; Commissioner Eileen Hatch; Commissioner Mark Kendrick; Commissioner William “Bill” J. Milton, II; Commissioner Dwight Palmer (via Zoom); Commissioner Peter Pappas (via Zoom); Commissioner J. Vernon Peterson; Commissioner Tammy Six (via Zoom); and Commissioner Myahtaeyarra Warren.

Absent: Commissioner Donna Pelham.

Staff Present: Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager; Yamile Nazar, Interim Director; Stephanie Lorenc, Administrative Specialist; and Janet Beaudry, Office Assistant II.

The meeting was called to order at ­­­­5:44 p.m. by Chairman Eric Olson, followed by a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the June 10, 2021, agenda was made by Commissioner Pappas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Webb; vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the May 13, 2021, minutes was made by Commissioner Kendrick, seconded by Commissioner Peterson; vote was unanimous.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting by speaking about the City SPIRIT model and how it relates to the Fayetteville Market House. The model asks to bring together diverse community stakeholders who will receive resident feedback for the repurposing of the Market House. He said there will be a meeting of the Working Group on Saturday, the 19th of June. The Working Group will identify various and diverse community leaders. He indicated that some of the potential recommendations can be persons who have received HRC Recognition Awards. All Commissioners are encouraged to send their recommendations to staff.

There was some discussion about *The Hate U Give* event in Hope Mills on Saturday, June 5th by Chairman Olson and Secretary Pemberton. Chairman Olson noted that there were four Hope Mills police officers at the event, and that they contributed a lot to the discussion. Ms. Nazar noted that the town of Spring Lake would like to host the next *The Hate U Give* event. Chairman Olson proposed August, September, or October for that event.

The next topic of discussion was the upcoming Dining & Dialogue in September or October. The Dining & Dialogue will be on Ramadan. The proposal was to vote in the regular August Commission meeting on when to hold the event. Ms. Nazar said the Youth Council was in process of determining their next Dining & Dialogue event in August, September, or October.

Commissioner Harris gave an overview of the scholarships, of which there will be six this year. She also proposed that the topic the students write about be changed to encourage more creativity in the essays. There followed some discussion on monies, and Vice Chairman Webb said he would contact Patriot Outreach.

Secretary Pemberton asked about the Project Matrix she had passed out to everyone. The Project Matrix is a method of keeping up with proposed initiatives and where they stand at any given point. After a general discussion, Commissioner Kendrick proposed September as the next Dining & Dialogue event, and the vote was unanimous.

Got Consent was the next topic introduced by Commissioner Harris. Some discussion followed on it as well as on PDP or Professional Dyna-Metric ProScan. Commissioner Kendrick proposed that the Commission set this on the matrix. Commissioner Harris stated she will ask the facilitator of these programs to present to the Commission.

Chairman Olson stated that at the August meeting Commissioners could sign up for one of the committees. The standing committees are:

By-Laws Committee

Nominating Committee

ARA and HR Scholarship/Endowment Fund Committee

Other committees would be Ad Hoc committees.

Ms. Nazar offered a review of the volunteer hours. She asked that the Commissioners email Janet with any volunteer hours they have.

Director’s Report.

Ms. Nazar stated all topics had been covered during the meeting.

The next scheduled Commission meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 53:30 p.m., in-person and via Zoom.

A vote was taken and the June Executive Committee was cancelled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Milton, seconded by Commissioner Warren. Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Semone Pemberton, Secretary