



Human Relations Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom

**Present:** Chairman William "Bill" Milton; Secretary Crystal Edmonds; Commissioner Milette Herring

**Absent:** Vice-Chairwoman Demetria Murphy

**Staff Present:** Yamile Nazar, DEI Director; Eric Washington, Human Relations Specialist; Diona Curtis, Administrative Specialist

Chairman Milton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Secretary Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner Harris-Herring. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Herring, seconded by Secretary Edmonds. Vote was unanimous.

**Community Awards Luncheon:** Chairman Milton stated that the deadline for nominations will be Tuesday, January 16. Once winners are selected, they must notify the Human Relations Department by January 24.

Ms. Curtis stated that all of the categories have nominations, except the Military Award. So far, the Arts Council has purchased a table, and Cumulus Media will have a table based on an incentive from an agreed upon sponsorship swap as a Platinum Sponsor, in support of host, Goldy.

Ms. Nazar suggested that an email be sent to all commissioners in regards to selling advertisements and tickets.

Ms. Curtis stated that the printing of the program booklet has to be outsourced this year, so all advertisements need to be submitted no later than January 23.

Commissioner Herring stated that Vice-Chairwoman Murphy's mission is to help streamline getting scholarship information and the application in all of Cumberland County High Schools. Secretary Edmonds suggested sending posters and flyers to churches. Ms. Curtis will create flyers and send it via email to the Commissioners for distribution. Ms. Nazar suggested that each Commissioner could take flyers to at least two schools near them, and also discussed expanding the distribution to Mosques and Jewish Temple.

Project Matrix: Chairman Milton stated that the Project Matrix has been simplified into three sections: commission initiatives, staff initiative, and initiatives that will be partnered on. Commissioner Wright volunteered to be in charge of the Project Matrix.

Market House Project: Ms. Nazar stated that the Market House Project will be an agenda item at the City Council Work Session being held on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Milton will open by thanking City Council for the opportunity, Commissioner Herring will present slides 2-6, and Construction Management Director, Rob Stone, will finish the presentation.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Herring and seconded by Secretary Edmonds. With a unanimous vote, Chairman Milton adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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Crystal Edmonds, Secretary

