

FAYETTEVILLE
HUMAN  RELATIONS
CUMBERLAND CO.

Human Relations Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m.
Festival Park Plaza Training Room, 225 Ray Ave

Present: Chairman William “Bill” Milton; Secretary Crystal Edmonds; Commissioner Dakota Wright

Absent: Vice-Chairwoman Demetria Murphy; Commissioner Milette Herring

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

Chairman Milton called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

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

Market House Project: Chairman Milton stated that the two designs for the Market House Project were presented to City Council at the Work Session on February 5. Ms. Nazar stated that the Market House Project will not be on the upcoming consent agenda, and informed the consultants for the project of the design that has been selected.

Communication: Chairman Milton inquired about the communication issue Vice-Chairwoman wanted to discuss. Ms. Nazar clarified that Vice-Chairwoman Murphy has requested better communication amongst the Executive Committee.

Attendance: Ms. Nazar discussed the attendance policy, and Chairman Milton stated he will send out an email about it. Commissioner Wright stated he is open to presenting to City Council to have the attendance policy modified based on specific circumstances such as mandatory military assignments, maternal/paternal leave, and disabilities.

Awards/Scholarship Luncheon: Ms. Curtis stated that the deadline for turning in all funds for the Community Recognition Awards Luncheon is tomorrow, February 9. There have been fifteen tables sold, and the final count of ticket sales is to be determined after all funds have been received. Ms. Curtis stated that the final details for the awards and the script will be sent out no later than the beginning of next week.

Chairman Milton inquired about the Scholarship Reception, and Ms. Curtis stated the reception will be in May. The funds that are raised from the Community Recognition Awards determine how many \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.

Other Business: Ms. Nazar stated the Human Relations Specialist position will be posted tentatively within the next ten days.

Commissioner Wright inquired about the Project Matrix. Ms. Nazar stated the Student Human Relations Commission is equivalent to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Commission, except it is within the schools.

Vice-Chairwoman Murphy and Commissioner Herring are working on combining *Bystander Intervention* and *Got Consent* as one initiative.

Ms. Nazar stated *The Talk* can be removed from the Project Matrix, and the community supplies initiative is voluntary for the commissioners.

Ms. Curtis stated at the next commission meeting, headshots will be taken of all the commissioners.

Commissioner Wright 90-Day Plan: Commissioner Wright stated inquired about formulating a knowledge management folder to keep track of initiatives. The idea is that the Historian can collect pictures and details of each event as a reference to keep track of the progress.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Secretary Edmonds. With a unanimous vote, Chairman Milton adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Approved _____



Crystal Edmonds, Secretary