



Human Relations Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2024  
**Festival Park Training Room, 225 Ray Ave**

**Present:** Chairman William “Bill” Milton; Vice-Chairwoman Demetria Murphy; Secretary Crystal Edmonds; Commissioner Milette Herring; Commissioner Eric Bradley Sr.; Commissioner Toshiba Narcisse; Commissioner Peter Pappas; Commissioner Vernon Peterson; Commissioner Lynndora Thompson; Commissioner Michael A. Sabb, LTC; Commissioner Denise Abrams, MSG

**Absent:** Commissioner Dakota Wright, CPT; Commissioner Shirley Francis; Commissioner Dakiesha Upchurch

**Staff Present:** Yamile Nazar, DEI Director; Diona Curtis, Administrative Specialist

Secretary Edmonds called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Secretary Edmonds called for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pappas. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Vote was unanimous.

**Attendance:** Ms. Nazar stated that the City Council’s Policy Committee will not be making any adjustments to the attendance policy, and all military personnel’s are exempt.

Chairman Milton announced that a letter of removal will be sent to the clerk’s office for commissioners who violate the attendance policy.

**Scholarship:** Secretary Edmonds inquired about an update from Commissioner Herring on the Human Relations scholarship.

Commissioner Herring stated that the Human Relations Commission Scholarship Committee will be selecting students for the MLK Scholarship.

Ms. Curtis stated that there are a current total of thirteen applications.

Student Human Relations Commission: Commissioner Herring stated that she will be setting up a meeting with Dr. Connelly to discuss the Student Human Relations Commission. Once the meeting is confirmed Commissioner Herring will provide an update.

Denim Day: Ms. Nazar stated that a speaker for Denim Day will be confirmed by the end of next week.

Ms. Curtis stated that the link for Denim Day is accessible and that the information is also provided on the Human Relations website. Commissioners also have the information via email with the details.

Ms. Nazar stated that Denim Day will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2024 at Studio 215.

Dogwood Festival: Ms. Nazar stated that volunteers are needed for the Dogwood Festival.

Project Matrix: Secretary Edmonds stated that Commissioner Wright has been updating the Project Matrix. She and mentioned the number of items on the Matrix that have decreased.

Secretary Edmonds volunteered to update the Matrix until Commissioner Wright returns.

Commissioner Herring motion to move children's supplies from Commission initiatives to staff initiatives.

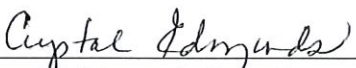
Other Business: Secretary Edmonds introduced Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Commission newest commissioner, Eric Bradley Sr.

Departmental Report: Ms. Nazar stated that the City Council gave consensus to option B for the Market House. She also mentioned that the Human Relations department is currently working with the Consultants and the fire department.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Herring, seconded by Commissioner Pappas. With a unanimous vote, Secretary Edmonds adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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Crystal Edmonds, Secretary