

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 6 p.m.

Goshen City Annex Conference Room - **204 East Jefferson St.**

This meeting will be held in person and broadcast on zoom.



The CRC serves Goshen by developing programs and policies that aim for a city without racism or discrimination of any kind, and build capacity for creative problem solving, resiliency, understanding, and compassion among the diverse people in our community.

CRC Principles:

- *Honor the dignity of each person and each person's rights*
- *Listen to the diverse voices of the community*
- *Cultivate constructive communication and engagement*
- *Value honesty, truthfulness, and integrity*
- *Promote a community that is safe for all*
- *Acknowledge and accept the challenge of change—that it may have both positive and negative consequences*
- *Promote the acceptance of differences*
- *Promote equality and freedom from discrimination*

CRC members

Commissioners: *Cathie Cripe, Malik Cato, Glenn Null, Sharon Beechy, E-man Monge, Lori Copsy, Casey Kasper-Welles, Kyle Richardson, Ana Zamora*

Community Relations Director: *N/A*

City Council Liaison: *Megan Eichorn*

Call to Order & Opening

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors

Review of the CRC Mission and Principles

Review the agenda

Review Minutes from May 9, 2023 & Current Treasurer's Report

New Business

- Juneteenth final prep

For the Good of CRC- Community Comment

Reports and Statistics

1. Director's Report
2. Council Liaison Report
3. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Indigenous People's Day
 - b. Juneteenth
 - c. Community Conversations

Announcements by CRC members, closing comments, reflections on the meeting

Adjourn

MINUTES

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Youth Advisor: *Tyra Gichobi*

Call to Order & Opening (@6:05 pm)

Roll Call (all present)

Review of the CRC Mission and Principles

Review the agenda

No minutes from previous meeting, and no Treasurer's Report

New Business

- Discussion of Juneteenth schedule and roles for volunteers
 - E-Man asked Tyra about the possibility of student clubs who meet in the summer who could provide volunteers.
 - Casey mentioned national honor society volunteer hours potentially being an incentive for students to volunteer. Tyra said she could check. Megan mentioned Key Club. Cathie asked whether there were still Merit Students having a community involvement requirement, but Megan said they don't
 - Volunteers were decided on for the following roles:
 - Setup (starting at 11 or 11:30 a.m.)
 - Juneteenth info table (2 people to trade off and/or take shifts)
 - Performer and speaker support (1-2 people; example: getting water)
 - Teardown (2-3 people)
 - Glenn was concerned about whether the Lacasa event would run over and conflict with people parking for our event
 - Glenn suggested blocking parking spaces meant for vendors in advance to avoid having to have to get people to move

New Business (Continued)

- Glenn mentioned possible water conflict between vendors selling water vs. CRC water
- provided to performers
- Lori asked about how CRC volunteers can be identified during the event. Cathie mentioned to Megan not to have individuals' names on tags, and only use "CRC Commissioner" so that they can be used in perpetuity
- Glenn mentioned past CRC collateral such as badges and shirts. It was suggested about 12 badges (magnetic or lanyard) with the CRC logo would be enough. E-Man suggested an A-frame for displaying a sign or poster. Kyle mentioned it'd be nice to have t-shirts that could be used again in the future. Cathie said all we'd need for Juneteenth specifically are name tags or lanyards. Ana mentioned not wanting to take questions or order people around without identification

Director's Report

- The CRC had no directort at the time to give a report
- Megan said the vacant mayor's office positions aren't planned on being filled soon. The job descriptions were revised slightly

Council Liaison

- Megan attended Asst. Fire Chief Bruce Nethercutt's funeral. Nethercutt had made a nice farewell video to first responders that was shown during the procession.

Subcommittee Reports

- Indigenous People's Day
 - Casey said Indigenous people's day subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 25. The subcommittee developed a framework for the event. They are planning activities during that First Friday.
 - Got in touch from Nicole Holloway, Lead Director of the Center of History and Culture for Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Holloway will be contacting dancers, singers, and drummers to demonstrate Pokagon art. The subcommittee discussed using photos from the previous year's event in promotions for the next event.
 - The subcommittee discussed contacting Diane Hunter, of Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
 - Plans are to build out what was done last year
 - There is some wiggle room with Holloway's budget to get a big stipend for performers
 - Casey said the subcommittee is planning a panel for contemporary indigenous issues, but
 - there's a good chance that speakers would have enough material to fill the event time. Concerns that performers might go over allotted time
 - The next meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday (shifted 4:30-5:30)
- Juneteenth
 - Most matters already covered earlier in the meeting. Malik said that final steps to check with event attendees to make sure they have what they need, and would check about getting printed material and getting lanyards in the lead up to the event.

Subcommittee Reports (Continued)

- Community Conversations
 - Glenn said community conversations subcommittee wasn't able to meet
 - Glenn and Cathie spoke about doing a conversation related to homelessness. Oct. or Nov. would be a good time period to hold this even as things generally start slowing down during the fall, so during the late fall early winter would be a good timeframe to get more people involved prior to the holidays
 - Cathie mentioned there were planning documents AJ had for past community conversations, and the CRC should meet and use refer to documents
 - Involving the schools would be a good idea because it bring more people into conversation
 - Public school community will have unhoused people represented
 - Open to commissioners' contact for such a conversation
 - Cathie urges that CRC digital documents are made accessible to everyone
- Closing comments and announcements
 - Sharon asked about advertising for Juneteenth, whether it would be posted on the CRC Facebook page or city page. Malik mentioned that the former city communications coordinator would pass along info for Facebook event posts. Cathie mentioned the news ran a story last year. Cathie said there should be a press release to provide the Goshen News. Megan said that the CRC could have a flier that could be printed and sent to schools, but it couldn't be printed off using school equipment. E-Man suggested using the same info from last year's news story. Megan said to email her the day-of flier to have that printed off. Malik said he'll check on the status of posters and will send out an email for volunteers to put up posters.
 - Megan asked whether anyone had access to the Drive folder AJ shared before leaving. Malik shared the link with the rest of the CRC members.
 - Megan said she would get a key for the Annex building's doors to avoid anyone being locked out.
 - The CRC thanked Tyra for her work with the commission as the youth advisor. Cathie said we should attend the vote for the next student liaison.
 - Kyle mentioned Goshen Pride even that runs from July 9-15. He asked whether the CRC wanted to have a presence there. Glenn asked what was the biggest day at Pride, Kyle said the picnic on Saturday would be the biggest event. Malik said that the CRC could check with the event organizers to see if some collaboration could occur.
- Glenn moves to adjourn, Sharon seconds (@ 7:10 pm)