

Community Relations Commission
Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6 – 8 p.m.

In-Person Goshen City Hall Conference Room - 202 South 5th Street



MINUTES

CRC Members:

1. Catherine Cripe, Chair
2. E-man Monge, Treasurer
3. Sharon Beechy, Secretary
4. Kyle Richardson
5. Ana Zamora
6. Casey Kasper-Welles
7. Lori Copsey
8. Sara Lozano, Youth Advisor
9. Megan Peel, Council Advisor

City Staff

1. Amanda Guzman, Communications Manager
2. Hannah Scott-Carter,
Community Relations Manager
3. Gina Leichty, Mayor

1. Call to Order and Welcome (Cathie Cripe, Chair)

- a. **Present:** Cathie Cripe, E-Man Monge, Sharon Beechy, Kyle Richardson, Ana Zamora, Casey Kasper-Welles, Lori Copsey, Sara Lozano, Megan Peel, Amanda Guzman, Hannah Scott-Carter, Gina Leichty

2. Review the CRC Principles (Cathie Cripe, Chair)

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

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

3. Approve the Agenda (Cathie Cripe, Chair)

No changes to the agenda, assumed by consent. Accepted by consent.

4. Review and Approve Minutes (Sharon Beechy, Secretary)

December 12, 2023

5. Treasurer's Report (E-man Monge, Treasurer)

6. Visitor presentations

Ben Bowman - Addressed reparations in Goshen and referenced South Bend's Repertory Commission. Suggests that the CRC make a recommendation to the council to create a task force to address reparations.

Richard Aguirre recommends that board members connect with Latino community leaders and keep the immigrant population in mind during election media coverage. He also suggests that the board remain at 9 members for diversity.

7. Neighborhood Reports (Hannah Scott-Carter & Amanda Guzman)

- a. Attended
 - i. Shanklin Millrace: January 13th at 9:30 a.m.
- b. Upcoming
 - i. HSNA: February 12th at 5 p.m.
 - ii. HSNA Chili Cook-off
 - iii. EGNA: February 20 at 6 p.m.

8. Council Liaison Report (Megan Peel)

9. Old Business:

- a. Upcoming events
 - i. CRC Essay Contest: Submissions are open until March 1
 - ii. International Women's Day Luncheon: Friday, March 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - 1. Hannah gave a run down of major event details
 - 2. Cathie recommends making flyers/posters to share with local businesses
- b. CRC Ordinance Amendment update
 - i. Plan to attend the February 26 Council Meeting

10. New Business:

Kyle makes a motion to discuss Ben's presentation at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn.