

Wake Forest Human Relations Council

Minutes
February 28, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Henrietta Coursey, Allyson Rayfield, Claudia Bradley, Taneisa Butler, Bill Slater, and Roger Rivera.

Absent: Kevin Jones

Guests: Maria Rivera and former HRC member Angelo Pettis with his daughters

Staff Present: Tammy Moody, Mark Williams, and Anne Hines

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Henrietta Coursey. The Meeting began with a reception for Tammy Moody, HRC liaison, who is retiring. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and refreshments. Ms. Moody thanked the HRC for honoring her and told the Council how much she enjoyed working with them.

HRC Purpose: Town Manager Mark Williams, explained that there was a time when the Town struggled to communicate with some parts of the community. That is when Rev. Enoch Holloway, Rev. Tom Jackson, and Eugene McLeod came up with the idea of starting the HRC to be used as a vehicle to help people get information to the Town Board. He noted that the Dr. Martin Luther King celebration started with the HRC. He also noted that Good Neighbor Day, was the HRC's idea to bring all the people of the town together. Finally, Mr. Williams noted that the HRC purpose was not to get involved with disputes, but to turn any known problems over to him to handle.

Ms. Coursey noted that the HRC had initiated an Outreach Program. Some were poorly attended. She asked for Mr. Williams' input. He stated that he thought that the program should be streamlined. Have just a few of the key department heads, not everyone. He suggested that perhaps smaller areas, such as HOAs, would draw more people. Bill Crabtree, Public Information Office for the town is putting together a listing of all HOAs and contacts. Mr. Slater asked what are the goals and values; what are the threats in the community for the next five years. Mr. Williams replied the treats are the fast paced culture. With Wake Forest growing so quickly, there is a divergency of people with different needs and ideas. Mr. Rivera noted that Meet in the Street and GND were great opportunities to be visible in the community, however, he didn't think Outreach Program was as worthwhile.

Ms. Rayfield suggested that everyone come to the next meeting prepared with ideas and suggestions; plus areas to target.

Ms. Bradley stated that Parks & Rec Director, Reuben Wall, wanted the HRC to get involved in putting together a Wellness Outing. Mr. Wall also wants the HRC to be involved in the East End

Association Celebration of Juneteenth on June 15. There will be programs for children and guest speakers. This will be the second Juneteenth in Wake Forest.

Nominations and Elections: Ms. Rayfield nominated Claudia Bradley for Treasurer; Mr. Slater seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. Ms. Coursey made a motion to delay nominations and elections for Chair and Vice-Chair until the March meeting. A motion to nominate Mr. Rivera as Vice-Chair was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meet in the Street: The HRC booth will be located on Taylor Street. Ms. Hines has a tent that can be used. Ms. Bradley will do an inventory of what was left from last year's event. GND flyers will be available.

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2013. With no further business to come before the HRC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Anne Hines, Ex-Officio