

**Wake Forest Human Relations
Minutes
March 22, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mitch Lawson, Charles Martin, Richard Houghtaling, Tim Roth, Sara Bridges, Stephanie Jenny, Stephen Barrington (Ex-Officio) and Tammy Moody (Staff Liaison)

Members Absent: Karen Clagett, Tenice Caudle and Glendine King-Jeffreys

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawson at 7:30 p.m.

Action

Tim Roth made a motion and seconded by Richard Houghtaling to accept the March minutes as written.

Old Business

The Human Relations members reviewed and discussed the two Wake Forest complaints. Mr. Henry Wright's case, the charges were dropped. Chairman Lawson noted that this case came from the State Human Relations Council and that is how this Council got involved. Each member present made comments concerning this case and since the charges were dropped the Council is looking at this complaint as a learning tool.

Second complaint: Family living in unsafe condition/environment - Glendine King-Jeffrey and Stephen Barrington were supposed to meet with this family. Stephen met with Bill Summers, Town Planner and Bill told Stephen to meet with Drew Brown, Customer Service Supervisor. Stephen was told that the house was vacant and the family had moved to Raleigh. The council was thankful that the family was not living in that condition anymore. It was also mentioned that several attempts were made to talk to the landlord, but they all were unsuccessful.

New Business

The Community Leadership Summit that will be held on April 26, 2007 at Wake Forest Middle School was discussed. The Council discussed the following: Committee reports, Event Time Tables, Event Assignment (break-out session) and preparing the mailings.

Co-Chairman Martin and Tim Roth are in charge of communication and media aspect, whereas, they will be calling the school board members, principals and commissioners and reminding them about the summit.

Chairman Lawson discussed the agenda along with Stephanie Jenny so they can stay on track and not to the point that the educators fill like they are being attacked. The program will be similar to last year's summit. The breakout sessions will be to develop and to identify two or three most pressing issues of the groups along with possible solutions to be addressed in the feedback portion of the program. Each HRC member will be assigned to each station to facilitate information flow and continuity. It was also stated that each HRC member will be responsible for recording relevant issues and their potential solutions for feedback and reporting. Again, each HRC member should be knowledgeable of areas of concern in order to facilitate. The assignments were assigned to the following HRC members:

Reassignment – Glendine King-Jeffreys
School Bonds – Tim Roth
No Child Left Behind – Tenice Caudle/Stephanie Jenny
Year-Round Schools – Karen Clagett
Other Education Options (charter, private, magnet, home
Schooling) – Charles Martin
Effectiveness of the Wake county School Board and Wake County
Board of Commissioners - Richard Houghtaling

The HRC members will have a work session on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Police Department.

Adjournment

Chairman Lawson made the motion, seconded by Richard Houghtaling to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitchell Lawson, Chairperson

Tammy Moody, Staff Liaison