

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION  
August 19th – 7:00 PM  
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Tom Zapler, Pat Michalski, Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Tennille Allen, Jordan Mann, Donna Brown

**ABSENT:** Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Reginald Wright

**STAFF:** Cedric Melton

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05PM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Mann motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Brown providing a second.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Allen motioned with Commissioner Mann providing a second.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Tom Bunting, Assistant to State Representative Camille Lilly was in attendance and talked about his role with the Representative as well as discussed ways in which his office could be of assistance to the CRC in future endeavors.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chair Zapler gave brief discussion of Dinner and Dialogue project and the need to beef up efforts to get the program back on track. He discussed the Diversity breakfast project has been placed on temporary hold.

Mr. Melton discussed with the group the situation with the District 97 Multicultural Resource Center as well as Lynn Allen's proposal for continuing the center after the end of the year. Mr. Melton suggested inviting Ms. Allen to the next meeting to learn her plans as well as how the CRC can support the Center going forward. The group agreed to write a letter of support to the local papers regarding the importance of the Center and the need to maintain it in the Village.

There was brief discussion regarding early preparation for the parade as well as Day Festival activity so there is no lag next year on member involvement. Members agreed that early planning would be necessary for successful projects.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mann with a second by Commissioner Michalski at 8:30PM.

