

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION  
July 17th– 7:00 PM  
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Grimes, Benkert, Kill, Puentes, Hovde, Rodriguez, Brewer

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Green

**STAFF:** Cedric Melton

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03PM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Kill motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Hovde providing a second.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Curtis Lot came to the meeting to observe as suggested by the CIC. He offered thoughts on making people feel as if they are part of the community and that working with churches is also critical for the commission as they plan equity work.

**PARADE:** There was general discussion of the parade activities. Areas of focus for next year included looking at having a parade marshal who could regulate the pace of the marchers to prevent gaps in the procession. The use of water stations was mentioned as well as the desire for more music bands in the event. Overall, the event was considered successful and will benefit from more planning for next year.

**DINNER AND DIALOGUE:** Commissioners Grimes and Puentes discussed the new revamp of dinner questions and ground rules. Examples were provided such as gender and sexual orientation as new questions. These additions are intended to promote more inclusion. Ground rules as well as general questions were tweaked to facilitate an overall update of the dinner experience. Next dinner is July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE:** Village Attorney Stephanides attended the meeting to discuss options with the group. He explained how commissions are set by Village Code. He suggested that the CRC Trustee Liaison should initiate a request for creation of a subcommittee in the code. After much discussion, including the CRC drafting an ordinance or a resolution, Attorney Stephanides suggested drafting of a resolution would be the best course and the CRC in the meantime should keep posting and holding special meetings and work through the process.

**SPECIAL MEETING REVIEW:** Commissioner Kill gave an overview of the content of the special meeting that was held regarding progress and next steps moving forward on racial equity. Commissioner Kill requested that a special meeting be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> to continue work on the issue. All were in favor of the meeting.

**2019 WORK PLAN:** There was a brief discussion of the upcoming 2020 work plan. Chair Breer suggested that the group begin looking at the plan early. He asked for two volunteers to go over the 2018-19 review. (Hovde/Rodriguez) He also asked for volunteers to look at 2019-2020 planning. (Benkert/Puentes/Brewer) Work plan budget was discussed. It was determined that Chair Brewer and Commissioner Benkert would work on developing processes for supporting other initiatives.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Kill motioned, second by Commissioner Benkert, all in favor.