

# GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

### **HRC Members in Attendance:**

Ron Bullock, Rev. Cozart, Harold Slaughter, David Smith, James Gooch, Phillip Harris, Helen Amis, Telessie McGhee, Ethel Anderson, Linda Jordon, Rev. Wilkins, Mary Cordrey, Mike Felts, Dennis Daniel, John Wimbush, Dianne Green

### **Excused Absences:**

Quon Bridges, William Betts

### **General Welcome; Call to Order Business:**

The Human Relations Commission met at the Richard H. Thornton Library, Large Conference Room on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Chairman John Gooch; Prayer by Rev. Wilkins. Chairman Gooch asked that we have a moment of silence for Rev. Blackwell. January and February Calendar and Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were distributed. Upon a motion by Helen Amis and second by Rev. Wilkins, the minutes were approved as read.

### **Public Comments:**

Mr. McGhee spoke on behalf of Rev. Joyner regarding the hiring of people of color at the local Post Office. The discussion about the hiring practices was the primary topic. There was also a concern about whether or not the hiring practices were fair to African Americans as it is not reflective in the current staff. Ms. Jordon is to write a letter of concern to the Postmaster and forward to Patrice for Chairman Gooch to sign.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Education Committee:**

Rev. Cozart stated that plans need to be made for the Leadership Conference.

**Social Committee:** No Report

**Grievance Committee:** No Report

**Publicity:**

There was a discussion regarding having another person as the lead for Publicity as Ms. Jordon is responsible for the minutes as well. Mrs. Anderson agreed to provide assistance with the Publicity tasks. In the meantime, Mr. McGhee will inquire with Jason Jenkins to see if he is interested in being Chair.

**Program and Planning (P&P) Committee (Dennis Daniel)**

Mr. Daniel reviewed the details of the MLK program and ensured that all participants were aware of their responsibilities. There was also a discussion regarding the essays from the schools. An essay review committee was formed (Linda, Dennis, J. Gooch and Rev. Wilkins) to review the essays and announce the winners prior to the MLK Breakfast. There will be 3 winners from the high schools and 3 from the middle schools.

**Old Business: none****New Business: none****Other Discussions:**

Mr. Wimbush brought up a concern regarding the musician for the MLK breakfast. Mr. McGhee had already resolved the issue.

Live After 5 - Chairman Gooch would like the HRC to participate in the events this year. As a commission, we need to raise the bar, level of awareness, to 25%.

Discussion regarding Black History Month - Speakers Bureau for local schools. We should send a letter to the local school letting them know that the HRC is willing to come and speak during Black History Month.

HRC will visit the local municipalities this year:

April - Creedmoor

June - Stem

May - Butner

August - Stovall

Mr. Daniel shared that he will need assistance during the coming months with his schedule.

Mrs. Anderson indicated the HRC website is coming along but it will take a few months before it is finished.

Ms. Cordrey shared an event in Stem called Celebration of Life. 187 people were in attendance. This was to bring the community together. "When you can't pray together, you cannot live together."

Mr. Harris asked if a statement could be made at the MLK breakfast that we oppose candidates that push racism.

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion made to adjourn the HRC meeting by Rev. Wilkins; seconded by Rev. Cozart; so carried by Rev. Gooch. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Gooch, Chair  
Linda Jordon, Secretary