

GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

HRC Members in Attendance:

Patrice Wilkerson, Mary Cordrey, James J. Gooch, Ron Bullock, Harold Slaughter, Rev. Tony W. Cozart, Jason Jenkins, Bessye McGhee, Rev. Archer Wilkins, Dianne M. Green, Rev. Dennis W. Daniel, John Wimbush, and Helen C. Amis

Excused Absences: Telessie McGhee, Sarah Mayfield, David Smith, Ethel Anderson, and Phillip Harris

General Welcome; Call to Order Business:

The Human Relations Commission met at the Richard H. Thornton Library, Small Conference Room on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Vice Chairman Helen Amis. Prayer was rendered by Rev. Archer Wilkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- April 2016 Calendar and Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were distributed.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Public Comments: David Hester (My Brother's Keeper)

David Hester with My Brother's Keeper gave the Commission a brief overview of My Brother's Keeper. He stated that President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. Through this initiative, the Administration is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations who are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class. He then discussed with the Commission the six milestones for the Program. He stated that the first step is to obtain data that applies to this demographic and to come up with a date to pull strong entities together.

The Commission asked Patrice for her assistance with obtaining data that would apply to this demographic. Patrice told the Commission that she would track the data and get in contact with David Hester for further clarification.

Jason Jenkins invited David Hester to attend the next Juvenile Crime Prevention Council meeting.

Committee Reports:

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

Rev. Dennis Daniel stated that April is Fair Housing Month. He asked the Commission about their thoughts on doing a Fair Housing Public Forum at the Granville County Expo and Convention Center or just do a Fair Housing presentation during their April meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Ron Bullock, seconded by Bessye McGhee, and so carried to have the Fair Housing presentation the same night as the Human Relations meeting in April and to have a short agenda.

Education Committee:

Rev. Cozart discussed with the Commission about the Youth Retreat. He stated that he is planning on having the Youth Retreat in May from 4-8 p.m. He noted that there will be a buffet dinner and presentations. He added that we have at least \$400 in the budget for the Youth Retreat. He stated that he will have a meeting soon to set a date. He added that he is looking forward to this and look forward to working with the Education Committee on this event.

Social Committee: Nothing to Report

Publicity: Nothing to Report

Grievance Committee: Telessie McGhee was absent.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

Rev. Cozart announced that on March 22nd at 6 p.m. there will be a Kindergarten Readiness Roundtable held at the Library. He stated that the purpose of the Roundtable is to discuss the challenges that young people are facing. He invited the Commission to attend.

Jason Jenkins announced that He Matters/Unwrapping the Gift will be hosting an event entitled, "Conversations, Your Perceptions, Our Reality on April 5th at 7 p.m. at the Granville County Expo and Convention Center.

Adjournment:

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn; so carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Helen Amis, Vice Chairman
Patrice Wilkerson