

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
January 20th– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Tom Zapler, Tennille Allen, Karin Grimes, King-Bell; Pat Michalski; Donna Brown

ABSENT: Wright, Mbekeani-Wiley, Mann

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Bell-King motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Grimes providing a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Brown with Commissioner Allen providing a second.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

DINNER TEAMS: Activities and plans regarding the next Dinner and Dialogue session were briefly discussed. Commissioner Grimes offered to host the next dinner in partnership with Debbie Prieser on March 20th. Discussion regarding recruitment and outreach took place. The topic of the dinner was discussed which will be “microgressions”.

DIOV TEAM: Chair Zapler tabled discussion on this as Commissioner Mann was absent and will take up the matter at the next CRC meeting.

RESOURCE CENTER: Chair Zapler gave a detailed account of his meeting with District 97 School Superintendent on the issue of the multicultural center. It was decided that continued efforts would be undertaken to assist the center in its mission to stay intact. Meetings will take place with Dan Haley of the Journal to discuss putting the issue in the paper.

GUN VIOLENCE: Commissioner Bell-King presented her ideas and suggestions regarding gun violence and presented the group with a draft of a pledge for life that she authored. The group will review the document and make recommendations regarding use of the pledge.

ADJOURN: Chair Zapler called for a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Brown providing a second.